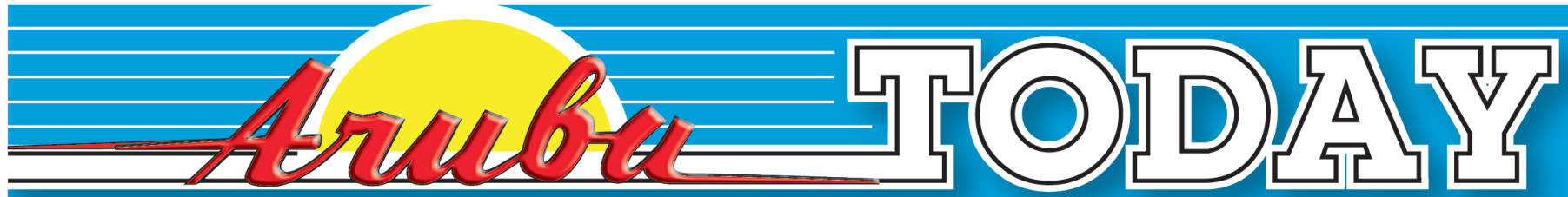


# Euro zone crisis escalates on Greek debt fears

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## The New York Times wins Pulitzer Prizes

Aruba Today and sister newspaper, Bon Dia Aruba, celebrate 20 years of publication today, April 19, 2011. The newspapers' mother company, Caribbean Speed Printers, recently signed a partnership with the prestigious New York Times for exclusive and in-depth articles for our readers on the island to enjoy. From left: Clifford Levy, Ellen Barry and David Leonhardt of The New York Times in at the paper's office in New York on April 18, 2011. Barry and Levy were awarded the 2011 International Reporting Pulitzer Prize for their reporting on the faltering Russian justice system; while Leonhardt won the 2011 Pulitzer Prize for Commentary for his ability to broach complicated economic questions.

(Marilynn K. Yee/The New York Times)

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Molly the donkey in her pasture a few days after being tossed about 300 feet into a ditch by a tornado Saturday evening, in Askewville, N.C., April 18, 2011. Eleven people died Saturday when a mile-wide tornado swept through this area of North Carolina, but residents here are in awe that there was not more damage.

(The New York Times)

## Tornado deals death, miracles

By KIM SEVERSON

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**ASKEWVILLE, N.C.** — For all the deaths and broken bones and flattened houses, there were still some miracles packed into the 10 minutes it took for the last of a great roar of tornadoes to chew through this rural corner of the state. There was Glen White, 24, who found the strength to push up a wall that had fallen on five residents of a group home.

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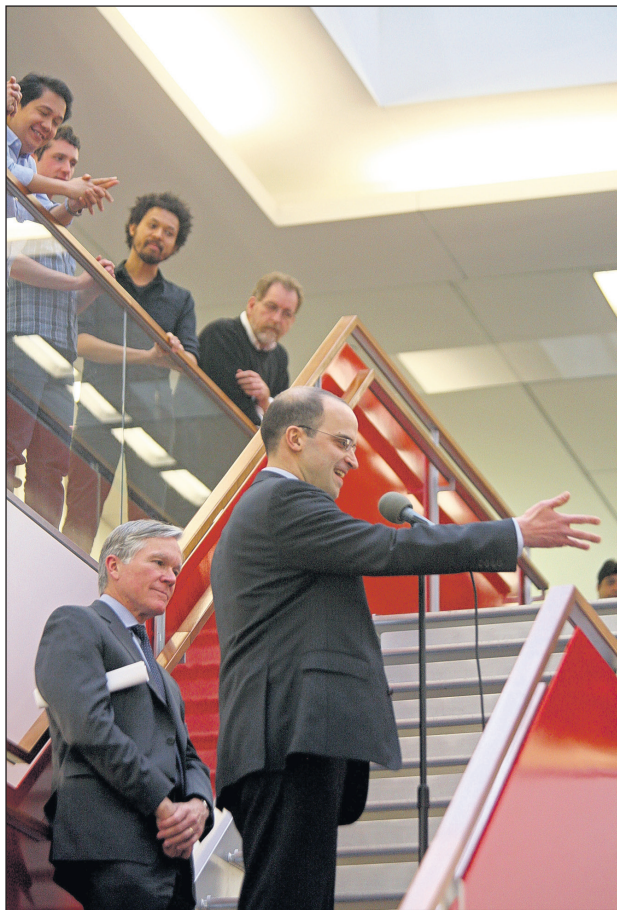


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# The New York Times wins Pulitzer Prizes



Bill Keller, the executive editor of The New York Times, left, looks on as David Leonhardt addresses the staff of the Times in New York on April 18, 2011. Leonhardt won the 2011 Pulitzer Prize for Commentary for his ability to broach complicated economic questions such as the federal deficit and health care reform. (Marilynn K. Yee

The New York Times)

By JEREMY W. PETERS

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The New York Times won Pulitzer Prizes on Monday for its economics commentary and its reporting on Russia, while The Los Angeles Times received the coveted public service Pulitzer and the award for feature photography.

The prizes, which are administered by Columbia University, went to a variety of newspapers and were not concentrated in the hands of one or two publications, as has been the case in recent years.

And for the first time, a prize was awarded to reporting that did not appear in print: ProPublica's online series "The Wall Street Money Machine," which won for national reporting.

The awards this year included other notable firsts.

The Wall Street Journal won its only Pulitzer since Rupert Murdoch bought the paper in 2007. It was for Joseph Rago's editorial writing on the debate over health care legislation. The Journal received the awards for international reporting and public service in 2007.

Carol Guzy, a photographer from The Washington Post, became the first journalist to win four Pulitzer Prizes. Guzy shared the award for breaking news photography with other Post photographers, Nikki Kahn and Ricky Carioti, who were cited for their depiction of the devastation from the earthquake in Haiti.

For the first time, the Pulitzer board, which decides on the winners after juries in each category make their recommendations, did not award a prize for breaking news reporting.

This was despite the fact that last year included a number of dramatic breaking news events, including the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico and the earthquake in Haiti, which media organizations mobilized considerable resources to cover. The Pulitzer board did, however, cite four newspapers as finalists in the category: The Chicago Tribune, The Tennessean, and The Miami Herald and El Nuevo Herald, which were considered a joint entry for their coverage of the Haiti earthquake.

Pulitzers were awarded in 13 journalism categories and seven arts

categories.

The prize for fiction went to Jennifer Egan for "A Visit From the Goon Squad." Bruce Norris won the award for drama for his play "Clybourne Park." The history prize went to Eric Foner for "The Fiery Trial: Abraham Lincoln and American Slavery." Ron Chernow won in the biography category for "Washington: A Life." "Madame White Snake," by Zhou Long, won for music.

Kay Ryan took the prize for poetry for "The Best of It: New and Selected Poems." The award for general nonfiction was awarded to Siddhartha Mukherjee for "The Emperor of All Maladies: A Biography of Cancer."

In the public service category for journalism, The Los Angeles Times won for its coverage of city officials in Bell, Calif., who enriched themselves with enormous pay packages. The articles made the city of Bell infamous and tapped into the anti-government ferment that hit its height last summer.

The paper's editor, Russ Stanton, called the reporting "accountability journalism at its best." □

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## MIRACLE

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There was the married couple who were thrown into their backyard as the storm exploded their home. They landed close enough, battered and bruised, to hold hands.

And there was Molly, a graying donkey who for years has starred in the town Christmas pageant. People say they saw her lifted into the funnel cloud when the storm hit Saturday night. They thought she was a goner.

But Sunday morning, her owner, Jake Dunlow, 75, found her on her back in a ditch about 300 feet away. A day later, she was grazing in her own pasture, oblivious to the splinters of seven mobile homes all around her.

Yes, 11 people died in those dark and deafening 10 minutes. Dozens were hurt and homes were destroyed.

As people picked through the mess and showed up with water and fried chicken at temporary shelters Monday, everyone seemed to mix

their grief and shock with a sense of marvel that a mile-wide tornado that blew through this land of peanut fields and chicken houses with 165-mile-an-hour winds didn't do worse.

"We're lucky, that's all I can say," Dunlow said. The deaths here in Bertie County were the last of 45 in several Southern states attributed to the unusually large storm, which claimed its first life in Oklahoma on Wednesday before chugging east.

Around 7 p.m. Saturday, it sent a ferocious tornado – or possibly two – to the ground here, the storm's last fatal act before heading out to the Atlantic Ocean.

As far as people can tell, it first touched down in a cow pasture in this little town in the northeast corner of the state, about a half-hour's drive from the beaches of the Outer Banks.

It's one of the poorest parts of the state, and one of the least populated. But people know each other here in Askewville, named after a prominent local shipping family. □







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## South recovering from storms as death count climbs



A utility worker looks up while repairing overhead lines after a tornado in Sanford, North Carolina.

By Wendell Marsh  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — At least 45 people died from tornadoes, thunderstorms, flooding and hail across the southern United States over the weekend, and officials said the death toll may rise as the cleanup continues.

The nasty storms killed 22 people in North Carolina, seven each in Arkansas and Alabama, five in Virginia, two in Oklahoma and one each in Mississippi and Tennessee, according to state emergency officials.

Some forecasters expect another round of severe weather to hit the central Plains and the Mississippi and Ohio valleys. "Beginning late today and tonight, a small area from eastern Kansas to western Kentucky could have a few

localized gusty storms before a more widespread severe weather threat unfolds," meteorologist Bill Deger of Accu-weather.com said.

The Midwest is expected to get a mix of snow and rain around the Great Lakes, according to the Weather Channel, and flood warnings were in effect along and near the Ohio River in Indiana, Kentucky and Illinois, the National Weather Service reported.

In Chicago, a dusting of snow fell overnight after temperatures dipped to freezing or below. Temperatures were in the high 30s on Monday, slowing the melting of the spring snow.

North Carolina accounted for the bulk of casualties and property losses from the weekend weather, with 22 people killed and about 130 others injured. Significant damage was reported in at least 26 counties and power outages affected more than 200,000 people. The storms began in Oklahoma on Thursday, then moved through the South and hit the East Coast by Saturday. There were 241 tornadoes reported, with 50 confirmed.

Seven people died as a result of the storms in Alabama, seven died in Arkansas, and Mississippi and Tennessee each reported one death. □

## Red River flooding closes key Manitoba highway

By Rod Nickel  
Associated Press

WINNIPEG, Manitoba — The main highway between North Dakota and the flooded Canadian province of Manitoba was set to be closed on Monday, but two nearby rail lines remained open as the province prepared for the Red River's second-highest levels on record.

Highway 75 was to be closed on Monday afternoon, the provincial government said. In 2009, when the Red River flooded at a comparable level, the highway stayed closed for 35 days.

The provincial government has set up a detour, but it will add 100 kilometers to a trip from the provincial capital Winnipeg to the United States, said Geoff Sine, manager of the Manitoba Trucking Association.

The cost of running trucks the extra distance is about C\$1.5 million per week for the industry, which wants to see a permanent solution to chronic flood problems, Sine said.

The highway is one of the busiest in Manitoba, carrying a total of 1,100 trucks a day.

Rail lines owned by Canadian National and Canadian Pacific that run south from Winnipeg into the United States remain in service, spokesmen for the railways said.

The main freight carrier in North Dakota, BNSF Railway had four lines out of service due to flooding on Monday, the railway said.

All three railways are important carriers of the Red River Valley's crops, which include spring wheat and durum. □



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# Sleeping air controllers blemish agency



An air traffic controller drinks a cup of coffee while working in a terminal radar approach control room Monday at the Atlanta TRACON in Peachtree City, Ga.

By RAY HENRY  
Associated Press

**PEACHTREE CITY, Ga.** — The head of the Federal Aviation Administration said Monday that he is “infuriated” that air traffic controllers have been caught snoozing on the job, but he insisted the government will not permit its controllers to nap during rest breaks to fight fatigue. FAA Administrator Randy Babbitt opened the first of a series of national meetings on the problem by addressing about 50 FAA employees at an air traffic control center about 30 miles southwest of Atlanta. He was joined by Paul Rinaldi, president of the National Air Traffic Controllers Association. Since late March, the FAA has disclosed five cases of air traffic controllers sleeping at

work.

The FAA also is investigating why two air traffic controllers in Lubbock, Texas, were out of contact for an extended period. The latest incident happened Saturday morning at a busy regional radar facility that handles high altitude traffic for Florida, parts of the Atlantic Ocean and the Caribbean. Babbitt said sleeping worker workers have put a “real terrible blemish” on the FAA. “None of us in this business can ... tolerate any of this,” Babbitt said. “It absolutely has to stop. I was absolutely infuriated when I heard the first one or two. But as we began our review, it became even more frustrating and more disappointing to me to see what has happened here.” Babbitt said at the meeting that

the scandal caused by sleeping air controllers has harmed the agency’s credibility. He said passengers should never have to worry about whether a flight crew is rested, a plane is properly maintained or that air traffic controllers are on the job.

“That should never be a thought for anybody getting in an airplane in this country,” he said. “And it hasn’t been a thought. But unfortunately, we have raised that concern.” Journalists were escorted out of the meeting before air controllers had a chance to talk during a question-and-answer session.

Those controllers have long said they were concerned about tiring work conditions. More than half of air controllers told their union in a survey taken more than a year ago that they wanted to address quick turnaround times on shifts and other factors that increase fatigue, according to Rinaldi, the union president. He said the number of incidents shows there is a need for examining FAA policy. “I think every single one of us feels the pain,” he said. “We’re the butt end of a joke on the late night talk show hosts when they talk about situations that are going on in the air traffic control system.” Babbitt said administrators bear some responsibility for

the problem. He has ordered that air controllers get at least nine hours off between shifts, compared to the previous minimum of eight hours. To prevent fatigue, the agency has also ordered that controllers not work a midnight shift after a day off. Federal authorities have re-

jected another proposed solution: on-the-job napping. A working group for the FAA and the union recommended allowing air controllers to sleep for as long as 2 hours on midnight shifts with a 30-minute break so they can fully wake up before returning to work. □

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## Evidence lacking for McChrystal allegations



Retired Gen. Stanley McChrystal, left, greets Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki, right, and his wife Patricia Shinseki, center, in the East Room.

**WASHINGTON** – Evidence was lacking to substantiate allegations that retired Army General Stanley McChrystal had violated military policy standards, a Pentagon document released on Monday said.

McChrystal lost his command of U.S. forces in Afghanistan and then retired from the military after a 2010 "Rolling Stone" article reporting vari-

ous comments allegedly made by McChrystal and his staff critical of President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden.

The memorandum from the Department of Defense Inspector General said the IG had looked at how such standards as those on not showing contempt toward officials or engaging in conduct unbecoming to officers might ap-

ply to the reported comments as well as certain incidents of behavior the article described. One incident described in the article was an episode of alleged heavy drinking and partying by staff on the night of the general's wedding anniversary, with McChrystal and his wife on hand.

The Pentagon memo, responding to an earlier report from the Army's IG, concluded that:

"The evidence was insufficient to substantiate a violation of applicable (Defense Department) standards with respect to any of the incidents on which we focused," and that

"Not all of the events at issue occurred as reported in the article."

In some instances there were no witnesses who could be found who said they had heard or made the comments reported in "Rolling Stone," while in other incidents the general substance was confirmed "but not in the exact context described in the article," the Pentagon report said. □



Workers are seen cleaning up oil from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

## Mystery illnesses plague Louisiana oil spill crews

By Kerry Sheridan  
Associated Press

**RACELAND, Louisiana**— Jamie Simon worked on a barge in the oily waters for six months following the BP spill last year, cooking for the cleanup workers, washing their clothes and tidying up after them.

One year later, the 32-year-old said she still suffers from a range of debilitating health problems, including racing heartbeat, vomiting, dizziness, ear infections, swollen throat, poor sight in one eye and memory loss.

She blames toxic elements in the crude oil and the dispersants sprayed to dissolve it after the BP-leased Deepwater Horizon oil rig exploded in the Gulf of Mexico about 50 miles off the coast of Louisiana on April 20, 2010.

"I was exposed to those chemicals, which I questioned, and they told me it was just as safe as Dawn dishwashing liquid and there was nothing for me to worry about," she said of the BP bosses at the job site. □

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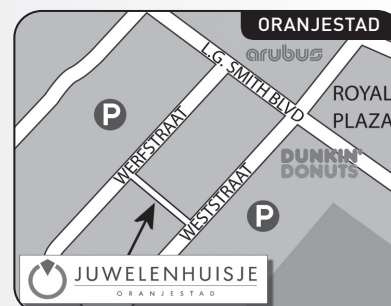
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Our opening team from 20 years ago remains intact with Senior Editor Maritza Maduro, Sales Executive Marijke Croes, Pre-Press Manager Luis Fernando Arenas and Press Manager Ronald Schenker, who are all celebrating 20 years with us today on April 19th, 2011. Aruba Today Int' and Sports Editor Richard Brooks, Bon Dia Aruba Senior Editor Benjamin Romero, Social Editor Elizabeth Guanipa, News Editor Margarita Els, Photography Manager Debbie Kelly, Distribution Manager Jenny Kelly and Accounting Manager Martha all are celebrating more than 15 years of dedication.

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*After royal wedding*

# Role uncertain for groom's stepmother



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**LONDON** — When 1,900 invited guests take their coveted places in Westminster Abbey next week for the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton, one of the most uneasy seats in the 13th-century Gothic church may be the one occupied by Camilla, Duchess

of Cornwall, the longtime lover of Prince Charles, and since her marriage to the heir to the throne in 2005, the stepmother to William, Charles' older son. One of the most compelling themes of the April 29 wedding will be Britain's odd-couple pair of "queens-in-waiting," Middleton and Camilla.



Although more than 30 years apart in age, both have come to their marriages as what are known in Britain as commoners, and stand, on their husbands' ascent to the throne — Camilla first, and later Kate — to take their places as the highest-placed women in the land. There, mostly, the similarities end.

Kate, glamorous and young — 29, five months older than Prince William — is seen by many in Britain, along with her future husband, as the potential saviors of a monarchy whose luster has been tarnished in the past 30 years. For all the public acclaim for Queen Elizabeth II, who turns 85 this week and celebrates her 60th anniversary as monarch next year, the story of the other members of the royal family has been one of serial divorces, personal indiscretions, extravagance at taxpayers' expense and suspicious financial dealings that have made lurid copy for Britain's tabloid media.

Camilla, once cast by the tabloids as the most hated woman in the country for her role in dooming Prince Charles' marriage to Diana, Princess of Wales, has gone some distance toward redeeming herself in recent years, to judge by polls that show sharply reduced levels of personal antipathy toward her. She has been embraced by Diana's two sons, William and Harry, who have said publicly that they love her, not least for the happiness she had brought their father.

The sense of her having achieved insider status in



the family, at least with the younger generation, was enhanced when she was photographed this year emerging from a tete-a-tete lunch with Kate in a London restaurant, where she was overheard amid peals of laughter urging the bride-to-be to follow royal tradition — and Diana's precedent — by wearing a jeweled tiara at the wedding, something Middleton apparently thought was too fusty for her taste.

But the process of rehabilitation appears to have advanced nowhere near enough — at least not yet — for Camilla, 63, to overcome the widespread opposition polls have shown to her ever being formally proclaimed queen if, and when, Charles, 62, becomes king.

For years, the polls have shown 50 percent to 60 percent of those surveyed in favor of skipping a generation in the succession, relegating Charles and Camilla to a leisured country retirement and jumping straight to William and Kate while they are still relatively young.

Partly, the polls reflect a concern that Charles may be too old to become king — in his

70s, perhaps even his 80s — if his mother lives as long as her mother, the Queen Mother, who died at age 101 in 2002. Already, he is seen as a foggy, with his passion for double-breasted suits on occasions that cry out for something more casual, and an awkward personal manner that can incline to the pompous and patronizing.

But the problem is not Charles' alone. The polls that show a majority favoring his stepping aside in William's favor after Queen Elizabeth dies have captured only anemic levels of support — 14 percent in a Harris poll in November — for Camilla's becoming queen even if Charles does succeed his mother. □







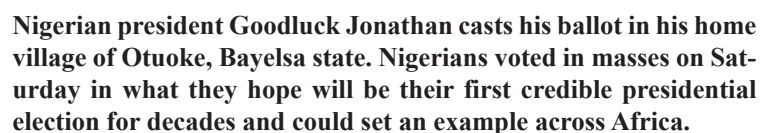
# Insurgent strike inside Defense Ministry

But in recent days militants in security uniforms, or soldiers

Afghan forces are already riddled with problems, ranging from illiteracy to shortages of equipment and leaders, that will make meeting the 2014 deadline a challenge. □

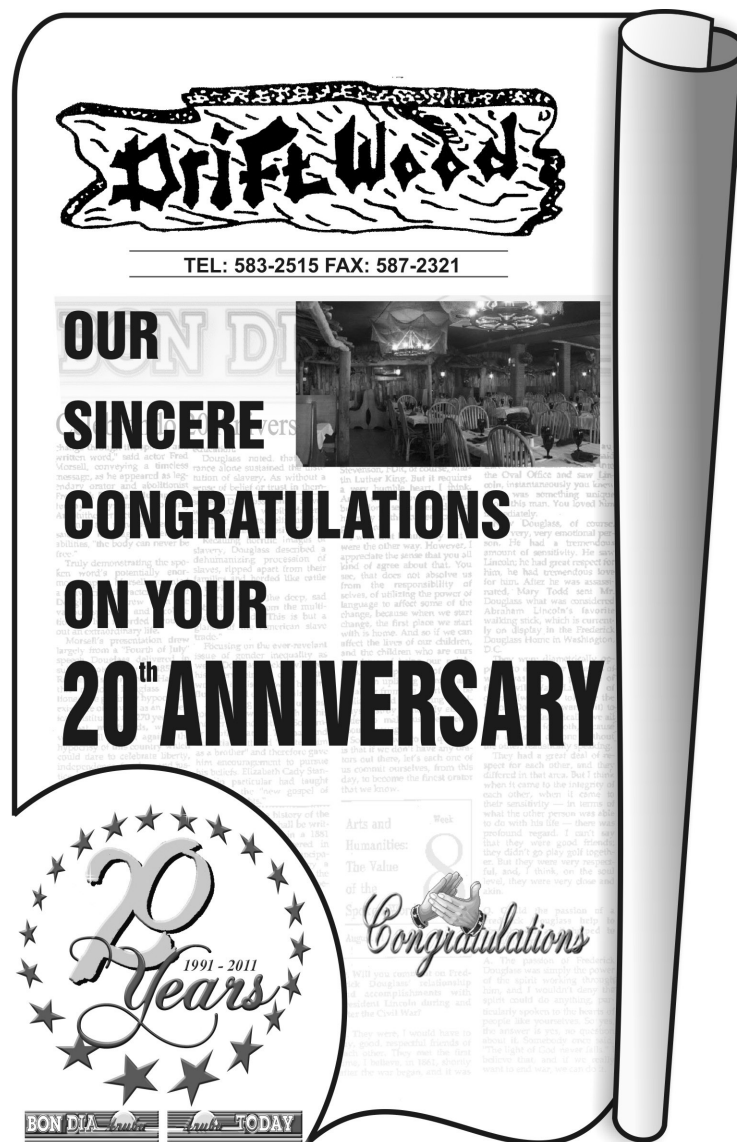
# Many dead after election protests

The Nigerian Red Cross said



“In Kaduna we have seen dead bodies lying by the road,” Red Cross official Umar Mairiga told AP. “Two thousand people have been displaced at one military camp alone.”

The body of a small boy shot in the chest by a stray bullet was brought to a police station, a witness said. □





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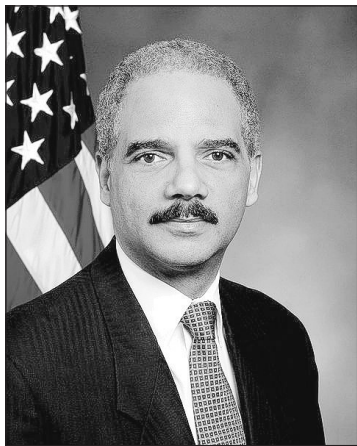
By MAIA SZALAVITZ  
Associated Press

America is having an addiction moment. Media headlines scream daily about new neuroscience findings on porn addiction, Internet addiction, food addiction and plain, old-fashioned drug addiction.

As AP's Michael Scherer wrote last week, 42 U.S. Senators called on Attorney General Eric Holder to increase obscenity prosecutions for pornography, due in part to fears over sex addiction. There's even a new online magazine about addiction called The Fix.

But what do the recent neuroscience studies actually tell us about addiction? What is addiction really? An article on the website referenced by the U.S. Senators in their letter to Holder explained sex addiction this way: Cocaine, opioids, alcohol, and other drugs subvert, or hijack, the brain's pleasure systems, and cause the brain to think a drug high is necessary to survive.

Evidence is now strong that natural rewards such as food and sex affect the reward systems



Attorney General Eric Holder.

in the same way drugs affect them, thus the current interest in 'natural addiction.' Addiction, whether to cocaine, food, or sex occurs when these activities cease to contribute to a state of homeostasis, and instead cause adverse consequences.

But this is actually a bizarre form of circular reasoning. For one thing, it confuses the original purpose of the brain's pleasure pathways. If you think about it, these regions aren't

very likely to have evolved specifically to enable us to get high on cocaine or heroin - that would be evolutionary sabotage. But they almost certainly did evolve to get us to pursue food and sex relentlessly, in order to guarantee our survival.

So, these brain regions are designed to make food and sex fun. Suggesting that drugs "hijack" these reward systems to produce addiction implies that under normal circumstances - in the pursuit of "healthy" urges like eating and sex - these systems wouldn't cause addiction. □

# Serving children alcohol an accident waiting to happen

Derrick Williams  
Associated Press

**COMMENTARY** -- On March 31, a 2-year-old toddler was given a sippy cup full of Sangria rather than the orange juice his mother had ordered at a Florida Olive Garden. The restaurant chain mixes pineapple, orange juice, and white wine to create its sangria, which differs from the usual use of red wine. The toddler exhibited signs of being intoxicated, and the mistake wasn't discovered by employees for half an hour. After a visit to the hospital, the child was released and is fine.

This wasn't the first case of a young child being given something inappropriate to drink and won't be the last. Consider the following cases.

On April 8, Dominic Dill-Reese, another toddler, was given alcohol instead of apple juice at a Madison Heights, Mich., Applebee's location. After dozing off, the child woke up and showed signs of intoxication, which the parents noticed right away. The 15-month-old had a .10 blood alcohol level - over the legal limit for full-grown adults. However, Dominic didn't suffer any lasting effects or issues.

Days after that, on Sunday, a 4-year-old girl was served an alcoholic dessert instead of a chocolate milkshake at a Chicago Chili's restaurant. The girl complained of a strange taste, which alerted parents to something amiss and they discovered the drink had alcohol in it after giving it a taste. They called the police, and the girl was then taken to the hospital to ensure that nothing was wrong with her. Of course, the restaurant declined any comment on the matter. □

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# Will Egypt's former ruler Mubarak ever face trial?

By **Miral Fahmy**  
**Associated Press**

**CAIRO** — An authoritarian leader is forced to resign after protests against his corruption-tainted rule. He is charged with graft and murder, but ill health stalls his interrogation. He dies before he is put on trial.

The fate of Indonesia's President Suharto, who died 10 years after mass demonstrations swept him from power in 1998, could be a scenario the generals now ruling Egypt are considering for deposed President Hosni Mubarak, 82 and ailing, who still wields considerable clout within the army.

Yet significant delays in putting Mubarak on trial risk a return of the mass demonstrations and chaos that swept him from power on February 11 and hammered Egypt's economy, analysts say.

The protests have largely died down, but normality has yet to return to a country central to stability in the Middle East.

"The military council has made it very clear from the very beginning that they would like Mubarak to be able to retire with dignity, and this could go on for a long time, like Suharto," said Elijah Zarwan, senior analyst at the Egypt office of the International Crisis Group, a policy advocacy organization.

"They're caught between their desire to maintain stability and their sense of duty to a respected commander-in-chief.

The military are very reluctant to put him on trial, and this could go on for a very

long time," he said. The similarities between Mubarak and Suharto, who died aged 86, are striking.

Both hailed from the military, governed with an iron-fist for 30 years, oversaw free-market reforms that triggered an economic boom for some and then were tossed from power by a disenfranchised population weary of authoritarian rule. Like Mubarak, Suharto was charged with corruption. But ill health, and his enduring appeal to many Indonesians, ensured he never stood trial. He died in 2008.

Bringing Mubarak to justice was one of the key demands of the pro-democracy protesters who deposed him.

He was ordered detained for questioning last week by the interim military rulers, a step seen as appeasing demonstrators who may suspect they were shielding Mubarak from punishment.

But an unspecified illness state television said it was a heart crisis but medical sources now say he is in good health has stopped him returning to Cairo for questioning. □



Protesters holding posters of former president Hosni Mubarak chant slogans in support of Mubarak in downtown Cairo April.

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*In Uganda*

# Army, police fire tear gas at protesters



Uganda's Forum for Democratic Change (FDC) leader Kizza Besigye (C) argues with police before his arrest at the Kasangati suburb of the capital Kampala.

By Elias Biryabarema  
Associated Press

**KAMPALA** – Ugandan soldiers and police fired teargas to disperse thousands demonstrating against the arrest of opposition leader Kizza Besigye on Monday who was charged with inciting violence in protests over price rises. Plainclothes officers detained Besigye, President Yoweri Museveni's closest rival in February elections, on a road outside his house as he left to join a demonstration. Besigye, his right hand heavily bandaged following an injury sustained in the second protest last Thursday, was loaded on to a pick-up truck and taken to a police station for interrogation before his court appearance.

Soldiers joined police patrolling the streets of the capital Kampala armed with guns and batons. They fired tear gas to disperse crowds that gathered to march and a crowd of about 3,000 people outside the police station where Besigye was held. "I will walk again on Thursday, no one has said what I'm doing is wrong," he said during his court appearance. "This court is being used to harass and persecute me the court is using the police to abuse my rights." The court freed Besigye on bail after also charging him with engaging in riotous behavior. Besigye was already on bail after he was charged with inciting unrest during the first "walk to work" protest

last Monday. Museveni, in power since 1986, has warned he would not allow Besigye to lead the protests, and blamed drought for reduced food production and higher global oil prices for increased transport costs. The East African nation's consumer price index jumped 4.1 percent in March from February, pushing the year-on-year inflation rate to 11.1 percent. Inflation rates across the east African region, including neighbors Kenya, Tanzania and Rwanda, have risen in recent months due to increases in the cost of food and fuel. The Uganda Red Cross said a man who was sick and was walking to a clinic died after fainting when he inhaled tear gas. But a police spokeswoman the report, saying no tear gas had been fired when the man fainted and died. Police also arrested opposition leaders in other parts of the capital, including Norbert Mao, leader of the Democratic Party and Olara Otunnu of the Uganda Peoples Congress, according to Mathias Mpuuga, a member of parliament elected in February and coordinator of the protests. Mao said the government should listen to the protestors. □



Pakistani Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani, pictured urged the US to end its drone strikes in his country and said Washington should better share intelligence to allow Islamabad to wage its own war on terror.

## Pakistan urges US to stop drone strikes

**ISLAMABAD** – Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani urged the United States Monday to end its drone strikes in Pakistan and said Washington should share intelligence better to allow Islamabad to wage its own war on terror. Speaking in Pakistan's lower house, the National Assembly, after meeting US House Speaker John Boehner in Islamabad, Gilani said: "I told him that you will have to respect our political and military efforts if you want to succeed" in combating insurgents. Boehner was leading a six-member congressional delegation on a two-day visit and also met Pakistan army chief General Ashfaq Kayani and US Ambassador Cameron Munter. "I told him that the US should transfer drone technology to Pakistan if it is really against militants," Gilani said in a televised address to the house, without elaborating on what this might entail. Later, a statement issued by the prime minister's office quoted Gilani as saying that the US should refrain from drone attacks and instead share credible intelligence to enable Pakistan to take action against terrorists itself. Washington has massively ramped up its drone campaign against militants in areas near the Afghan border, and argues they are highly effective in the war against al-Qaeda and its Islamist allies.

Missile attacks doubled in the area last year, with more than 100 drone strikes killing over 670 people in 2010 compared with 45 strikes that killed 420 in 2009, according to an AP tally. But the policy is deeply unpopular among the Pakistani public, who see military action on Pakistani soil as a breach of national sovereignty and say some attacks have killed innocent civilians. The Pakistan government, which has frequently condemned the attacks in public, is accused of giving its tacit consent in private to the US campaign. The New York Times reported last week that Pakistan told the United States to rein in drone strikes and slash the number of CIA agents and special forces operating in the conservative, nuclear-armed Muslim country. □

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In Japan

## TEPCO president under fire from lawmakers



Tokyo Electric Power Co (TEPCO) president Masataka Shimizu raises his hand to answer a question at the Upper House's budget committee session at the National Diet in Tokyo.

By Hiroshi Hiyama  
Associated Press

**TOKYO** – Japanese lawmakers on Monday grilled the president of the company at the centre of the world's worst nuclear crisis since Chernobyl, demanding he take responsibility for the disaster. Appearing in parliament for the first time since a huge earthquake and tsunami crippled its Fukushima Daiichi plant, the head of the Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO) faced a barrage of criticism from politicians. "What do you plan to do to

take ultimate responsibility (for the crisis)?" one opposition lawmaker asked TEPCO President Masataka Shimizu, 66, who has rarely been seen in public since the tsunami swamped the plant on Japan's northeast coast. "These documents contain very strict safety rules," said Shuichi Kato of the opposition New Komeito party, brandishing a copy of the company's own safety regulations. "This says the president regards nuclear safety as the top priority. With this in mind, let me ask how you feel now?"

Shimizu's appearance came a day after TEPCO said it would be nine months before the plant's six reactors could be put into "cold shutdown" a stable condition in which temperatures drop and radiation leaks fall dramatically. Tens of thousands of people living near the plant have had to evacuate their homes since the March 11 disaster, which sparked a series of explosions that have caused radiation to leak into the air, soil and sea. Shimizu delivered a brief apology over the crisis on March 13, but then fell ill and was not heard of again until nearly a month later when he visited Fukushima, meeting local officials but not residents made homeless by the radiation spewing from the plant. "If you did your best, then why did it explode?" asked Communist Party lawmaker Mikishi Daimon, accusing the company of failing to prepare for such an event and pressing Shimizu to "admit TEPCO caused the accident." Shimizu, who has repeatedly apologised over the crisis, defended TEPCO's performance, saying the devastating tsunami was "beyond our expectations." □



Kevin Rudd cries after announcing he had been deposed as prime minister by his Julia Gillard in June, 2010. Most Australians would prefer former leader Rudd to return as prime minister instead of Gillard staying in the top job.

## Australians prefer dumped Rudd to PM Gillard

**SYDNEY** – Most Australians would prefer former leader Kevin Rudd to return as prime minister instead of Julia Gillard staying in the top job, a poll released Monday showed. The Nielsen/Herald survey showed that Rudd, who was dumped by Gillard in a brutal and sudden Labor Party coup last June, led his former deputy 55 percent to 38 percent in a head-to-head match-up for preferred prime minister. "The former prime minister has redeemed himself in the eyes of voters," the Sydney Morning Herald said in a page one story. Gillard was comfortably ahead of conservative opposition leader Tony Abbott (50 percent to 42 percent) and tracking slightly better than Rudd at the time of his ousting when he dropped to just 41 percent approval. But the poll of 1,400 voters underlined dissatisfaction with Gillard, with respondents for the first time more likely to say they disapproved of the prime minister's performance than approved by 50 percent to 45 percent. The poll said support for Labor was the lowest it had been in 15 years. The Labor government, in which Rudd now serves as foreign minister, would win only 44 percent of the vote compared to the opposition Liberal/National coalition's 56 percent if an election had been held last weekend, it said. □



# The middle-class tax trap



By ROSS DOUTHAT

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“Let’s tell the truth,” Walter Mondale said, accepting the Democratic nomination in 1984. “Mr. Reagan will raise taxes, and so will I. He won’t tell you. I just did.”

Three months later, Mondale lost 49 states, and liberal politicians learned a valuable lesson. In the decades since, national Democrats have often promised to raise taxes – but only for the rich, and never for the

middle class. Bill Clinton wrote the playbook: “We will lower the tax burden on middle-class Americans,” he pledged in 1992, “by asking the very wealthy to pay their fair share.” In 2008, President Barack Obama, then a presidential candidate, imitated Clinton, campaigning on a promise to raise taxes for the richest 5 percent while cutting them for everybody else. Last week, in his address on deficit reduction, the president followed the playbook once again. In the throat-clearing section of the speech, Obama promised “tough choices” that put “everything on the table.” But his tax proposals were aptly summarized by The Atlantic’s Clive Crook: “The rich can pay for it all.”

As it happens, they can’t. Squeezing the wealthy buys some short-term deficit reduction: Over the next decade, Obama’s plan could trim (almost) as much off the deficit as Paul Ryan’s controversial Republican budget – \$4 trillion, give or take. But that \$4 trillion is just a fraction of America’s projected long-term debt. The whole point of the Ryan plan is that the real deficit reduction starts at year 10, when his Medicare reforms are phased in. Under the president’s plan, we soak the rich in the short term, and then just keep going deeper into the red.

Does a plan to cut the deficit with middle-class tax increases exist? In a sense, it does. It’s called the “current law baseline,” a Congressional Budget Office projection in which the Bush-era tax rates aren’t renewed in 2012, the Alternative Minimum Tax (which is supposed to hit only the rich but increasingly bites into middle-class paychecks) isn’t indexed for inflation, and Medicare payments to doctors are slashed by 20 percent.

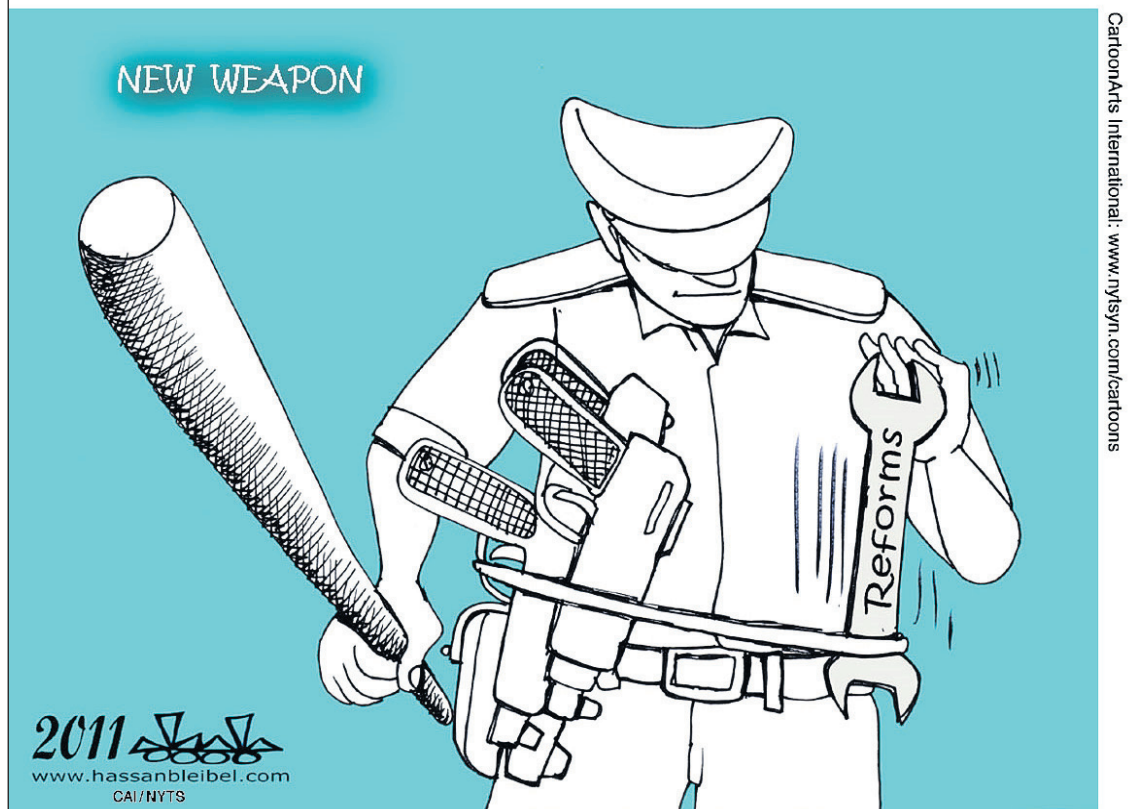
With these policies, the deficit drops away in the next 10 years, and more important, it stays manageably low for the decades after that.

This projection has become a touchstone for liberal wonks – “the graph that all budget discussions should start with,” The Washington Post’s Ezra Klein wrote last week. It does not represent their ideal policy vision by any means, but it is frequently cited as proof that we do not need to radically reform entitlements to keep the country solvent.

All we need to do instead is let taxes rise and keep on rising. This is how the “current law baseline” cuts the deficit: Thanks to inflation and bracket creep, its tax code gradually subjects more and more Americans to rates that now fall only on the wealthy.

Today, for instance, a family of four making the median income – \$94,900 – pays 15 percent in federal taxes. By 2035, under the CBO projection, payroll and income taxes would claim 25 percent of that family’s paycheck. The marginal tax rate on labor income would rise from 29 percent to 38 percent. Federal tax revenue, which has averaged 18 percent of GDP since World War II, would hit 23 percent by the 2030s and climb even higher after that. Such unprecedented levels of taxation would throw up hurdles to entrepreneurship, family formation and upward mobility. (Or as the CBO puts it, in its understated way, they would “tend to discourage some economic activity,” and “harm the economy through the impact on people’s decisions about how much to work and save.”) □

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By PAUL KRUGMAN

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Last week, President Barack Obama offered a spirited defense of his party’s values – in effect, of the legacy of the New Deal and the Great Society.

Immediately thereafter, as always happens when Democrats take a stand, the civility police came out in force. The president, we were told, was being too partisan; he needs to treat his opponents with respect; he should have lunch with them, and work out a consensus.

That’s a bad idea. Equally important, it’s an undemocratic idea.

Let’s review the story so far. Two weeks ago, House Republicans released their big budget proposal, selling it to credulous pundits as a statement of necessity, not ideology – a document telling America What Must Be Done. But it was, in fact, a deeply partisan document, which you might have guessed from the opening sentence: “Where the president has failed, House

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Republicans will lead.” It hyped the danger of deficits, yet even on its own (not at all credible) accounting, spending cuts were used mainly to pay for tax cuts rather than deficit reduction. The transparent and obvious goal was to use deficit fears to impose a vision of small government and low taxes, especially on the wealthy.

So the House budget proposal revealed a yawning gap between the two parties’ priorities.

And it revealed a deep difference in views about how the world works.

When the proposal was released, it was praised as a “wonk-approved” plan that had been run by the experts. But the “experts” in question, it turned out, were at the Heritage Foundation, and few people outside the hard right found their conclusions credible. In the words of the consulting firm Macroeconomic Advisers – which makes its living telling businesses what they need to know, not telling politicians what they want to hear – the Heritage analysis was “both flawed and contrived.”

Basically, Heritage went all in on the much-refuted claim that cutting taxes on the wealthy produces miraculous

economic results, including a surge in revenue that actually reduces the deficit.

By the way, Heritage is always like this. Whenever there’s something the GOP doesn’t like – say, environmental protection – Heritage can be counted on to produce a report, based on no economic model anyone else recognizes, claiming that this policy would cause huge job losses. Correspondingly, whenever there’s something Republicans want, like tax cuts for the wealthy or for corporations, Heritage can be counted on to claim that this policy would yield immense economic benefits.

The point is that the two parties don’t just live in different moral universes, they also live in different intellectual universes, with Republicans in particular having a stable of supposed experts who reliably endorse whatever they propose.

So when pundits call on the parties to sit down together and talk, the obvious question is, what are they supposed to talk about? Where’s the common ground?

Eventually, of course, America must choose between these differing visions. And we have a way of doing that. It’s called democracy. □



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### Iniesta could face ban



In this Jan. 16, 2011 file photo, Barcelona's Andres Iniesta reacts after scoring a goal against Malaga during their Spanish La Liga soccer match at the Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona, Spain. Giants of football don't agree that Barcelona is the greatest team in history, at least not yet

Associated Press

**BARCELONA, Spain (AP)** — Andres Iniesta could be suspended from the first leg of Barcelona's Champions League semifinal clash with Real Madrid.

The UEFA is considering an additional one-game ban for Iniesta for allegedly provoking a yellow card in the first leg of his team's knockout series against Shakhtar Donetsk, which ruled him out of the return leg.

If imposed, the Spain midfielder would miss the game at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium on April 27.

Barcelona said late Monday that it believed Iniesta would not be dealt the extra punishment because of "the good faith of the player and the disproportionate nature of the proposed sanction."

The three-time European champions said a decision by UEFA was expected on Wednesday. □

### DODGERS VICTORIOUS



Los Angeles Dodgers' Matt Kemp hits a game winning two-run home run to beat the St. Louis Cardinals during the ninth inning of a baseball game in Los Angeles, Sunday, April 17, 2011. Dodgers won the game 2-1.

AP Photo/Alex Gallardo  
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### Giraldo beats 13th-seeded Bellucci in Barcelona



**BARCELONA, Spain (AP)** — Santiago Giraldo of Colombia eliminated 13th-seeded Thomaz Bellucci of Brazil 7-5, 6-3 in the opening round of the Barcelona Open on Monday.

Giraldo saved two set points in the first set and four of five break points in the second. He will play Albert Ramos, who beat Ruben Ramirez Hidalgo 4-6, 7-6 (5), 7-5 in an all-Spanish match.

File photo of Milos Raonic, of Canada, returns a shot to Ryan Harrison, of the United States, during their match at the BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament, in Indian Wells, Calif. Raonic's first appearance at the Barcelona Open on Monday April 18, 2011 will mark the closest thing to a homecoming outside of his native Canada.

Associated Press

All other seeded players in action Monday advanced. No. 11 Albert Montanes of Spain beat Teymuraz Gabashvili of Russia 6-2, 6-2, and will play Benoit Paire after the French player rallied to oust Spain's Pablo Carreno-Busta 6-7 (7), 6-3, 6-2.

No. 12 Guillermo Garcia-Lopez of Spain defeated Ukrainian player Denis Istomin 7-6 (6), 6-3, and 14th-seeded Kevin Anderson of South Africa beat Uruguay's Pablo Cuevas 7-5, 3-6, 6-4.

Also, 16th-seeded Juan Monaco of Argentina routed Grigor Dimitrov of Bulgaria 6-4, 6-1, while Spanish player Marcel Granollers downed Germany's Daniel Brands 7-5, 6-7 (5), 6-1.

Blaz Kavcic, Robin Haase, Victor Hanesu, and Fabio Fognini were other first-round winners. □



NL Roundup

# Kemp's homer leads Dodgers past Cardinals



Boston Red Sox's Dustin Pedroia jumps out of the way of a pitch from Toronto Blue Jays starting pitcher Ricky Romero as catcher J.P. Arencibia goes for the ball during the first inning of a MLB baseball game at Fenway Park in Boston Monday, April 18, 2011.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Matt Kemp hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning to give the Los Angeles Dodgers a 2-1 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals on Sunday, ending their five-game losing streak.

Kemp homered to center field on the first pitch from Ryan Franklin (0-2).

Andre Ethier led off the inning with a double off Trevor Miller, extending his major league-leading hitting streak to 14 games.

Jonathan Broxton (1-0) got the win despite giving up a two-out RBI single in the top of the ninth by David Freese.

The victory prevented the Cardinals from getting their first four-game sweep in Los

Angeles since 1968.

## Diamondbacks 6, Giants 5, 12 innings

In Phoenix, Stephen Drew drove in the winning run in the 12th inning as Arizona rallied to beat San Francisco.

Giants reliever Dan Runzler had only allowed one base runner over 2 1-3 innings before walking Justin Upton and Chris Young with one out in the 12th. Javier Lopez then came in for Runzler (1-2) and gave up Drew's grounder to right field.

Josh Collmenter (1-0) pitched two perfect innings for the win, as the Diamondbacks ended a four-game losing streak.

Buster Posey and Pablo Sandoval hit back-to-back home runs in the sixth inning and Aubrey Huff also homered for the Giants, who had their four-game winning streak broken.

## Padres 8, Astros 6

At Houston, Will Venable hit a two-run single in a four-run eighth inning to lead San Diego to victory.

Heath Bell got his 38th consecutive save after loading the bases with one out in the ninth. He got the last two batters on a strikeout and groundout. Trailing 6-4 at the start of the eighth, the Padres got one run on Jason Bartlett's one-out RBI single.

Pinch-hitter Brad Hawpe then walked to load the bases before Venable singled to right field off Mark Melancon (1-1).

Ernesto Frierio (1-1) pitched 1 2-3 innings for the victory.

## Pirates 7, Reds 6

In Cincinnati, Andrew McCutchen opened the game with a homer, then singled home the game-winning run in the eighth inning, to lift Pittsburgh over the Reds.

McCutchen and Jose Tabata started the game with back-to-back homers — only the third time that's happened in Pirates history. McCutchen singled off Logan Ondrusek (2-1) for the winning run.

Chris Resop (1-0) got the win for the Pirates, who had lost five of six coming into the game.

## Rockies 9, Cubs 5

At Denver, Dexter Fowler hit a two-out, two-run double in the eighth inning as Colorado won for the eighth time in nine games.

The Rockies sent 10 batters to the plate in the four-run eighth to give them the victory.

Rafael Betancourt (1-0), the fourth of five Rockies pitchers, got the win with two-thirds innings of hitless relief. Marcos Mateo (0-1) picked up the loss for Chicago.

## Nationals 8, Brewers 4, 1st game; Nationals 5, Brewers 1, 2nd game

In Washington, Danny Espinosa followed up a three-run homer in the opening game with a bases-loaded triple in the seventh inning of the second to lead Washington's doubleheader sweep of Milwaukee.

In the opener, Ivan Rodriguez also hit a three-run homer and Jason Marquis allowed two runs and nine hits in seven-plus innings.

Yovani Gallardo (1-1) yielded seven runs on 10 hits to pick up the loss.

In the second game, Livan Hernandez (2-1) allowed one run and six hits and struck out three in seven innings. He retired the first eight batters he faced in his longest outing this season.

Kameron Loe (1-1) came on in relief to start the seventh and gave up Espinosa's triple.

## Phillies 3, Marlins 2

In Philadelphia, Carlos Ruiz hit the go-ahead sacrifice fly in the eighth inning to lead Florida past the Phillies.

Ryan Howard began the eighth by reaching on an error by left-fielder Logan Morrison. Ben Francisco followed with a single off Ryan Webb (0-2) and Raul Ibanez put runners on the corners with a groundout.

Ryan Madson (1-0) tossed a scoreless eighth after taking over for Cole Hamels, and Jose Contreras survived a rocky ninth inning for his third save.

## Mets 3, Braves 2

In Atlanta, Josh Thole had two run-scoring singles as the Mets ended their seven-game losing streak. □

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## AL Roundup

# Sizemore homers in return to lead Indians

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — Grady Sizemore homered in his return for Cleveland after major knee surgery as the Indians beat Baltimore 4-2 on Sunday to deal the Orioles their seventh straight loss. Sizemore, who hadn't played since last May when he underwent microfracture surgery on his left knee, homered in his second at-bat off Brad Bergeeson (0-2) and doubled in the fifth.

Carlos Santana and Travis Hafner also homered for the first-place Indians, who have won seven in a row at home and 11 of 13. Fausto Carmona (1-2) allowed just one earned run and five hits in seven innings.

Brian Roberts went 3 for 4 for the Orioles, who have lost eight of 10.

## Yankees 6, Rangers 5

In New York, Eric Chavez singled home the game-winning run in the eighth inning and the Yankees hit three homers off previously untouchable Alexi Ogando to beat the Rangers.

Robinson Cano, Russell Martin and Curtis Granderson all homered to help the Yankees take two of three in a rematch of last year's American League championship series, which Texas won in six games to capture its first pennant.

Adrian Beltre homered and doubled for the Rangers, who

have dropped four of five since opening the season 9-1. Ogando had allowed just four hits over 13 shutout innings in his previous two starts this season.

## Red Sox 8, Blue Jays 1

In Boston, Jacoby Ellsbury hit a three-run homer and Jarrod Saltalamacchia drove in three runs to give the Red Sox consecutive victories for the first time this season.

Jon Lester (1-1) allowed one run, six hits and three walks while striking out five in six solid innings.

Jesse Litsch (1-1), making his third start since shoulder surgery last August, gave up six runs on eight hits.

The Red Sox entered the game with a 3-10 record, the worst in the major leagues.

## Twins 4, Rays 2

At St. Petersburg, Florida, Brian Duensing allowed two runs over seven innings and Matt Tolbert had an RBI triple as Minnesota stopped a four-game losing streak.

Duensing (1-0) gave up seven hits, walked two and struck out five. Tolbert tripled and Jason Repko had an RBI single during a three-run fifth inning against Jeremy Hellickson (1-2), which gave Minnesota a 4-2 lead.

## Angels 4, White Sox 2

In Chicago, Dan Haren pitched into the seventh inning for his fourth win of the



Cleveland Indians center fielder Grady Sizemore, right, high-fives right fielder Travis Buck after a 4-2 win over the Baltimore Orioles in a baseball game on Sunday, April 17, 2011, in Cleveland. Sizemore, playing in his first major league game since June 2010, doubled and had a home run in the game.

AP Photo/Mark Duncan

season and Maicer Izturis had three hits to help Los Angeles complete a three-game sweep of Chicago.

Haren (4-0) joined teammate Jered Weaver as the only four-game winners in the league thus far. The right-hander allowed two runs on seven hits over 6 1-3 innings, striking out six and not allowing a walk.

Rookie closer Jordan Walden got Juan Pierre to pop out to

left field with the bases loaded for his third save.

Mark Trumbo added a solo homer in the fourth off Mark Buehrle (1-1), as Chicago lost its fourth straight game.

## Mariners 3, Royals 2

At Kansas City, Missouri, Michael Pineda pitched six strong innings and Brendan Ryan hit a two-run single as Seattle ended a four-game losing streak.

Pineda (2-1) limited the Royals to one run and three hits over six innings. He struck out five and walked four while lowering his earned-run average to 2.33.

Brandon League gave up a run in the ninth on Wilson Betemit's single but got his third save.

Jeff Francis (0-1) is still searching for his first victory with the Royals. □

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Orlando Magic center Dwight Howard speaks with media at a news conference after he was presented with the 2010-11 NBA defensive basketball player of the year award in Orlando, Fla., Monday, April 18, 2011. Howard, with his three awards, is the first player to win the award in three straight seasons  
Associated Press

# Magic's Howard wins 3rd straight defensive award

ORLANDO, Florida (AP) — Dwight Howard has another piece of hardware for his personal trophy case.

The Orlando Magic center became the first player to win the NBA Defensive Player of the Year Award three straight seasons Monday — and the voting wasn't close.

Howard received 585 points, including 114 first-place votes, from a panel of 120 sports writers and broadcasters. Boston's Kevin Garnett finished second with 77 points and Dallas' Tyson Chandler was third with 70.

Only Dikembe Mutombo and Ben Wallace, with four each, have now won the award more times.

"I try to do the best I can on the defensive end. To dominate, change the game," Howard said at a press conference at the Magic's team facility. "That's not blocking shots but just being a presence on the defensive end. Making sure I'm here for my teammates, being active, talking with them. It definitely is an honor to be considered one of the best defensive players to play the game.

"I'm still young so hopefully I can keep it up." The 6-foot-11 Howard ranked second in the NBA at 14.1 rebounds per game and fourth in blocks with 2.38. He also was the defensive anchor of a team that was ranked fourth in the regular season, giving up 93.7 points per game to opponents.

Howard said there is no secret to what it takes to succeed on the defensive end of the floor.

"It takes a lot of heart. You've got to want to stop people, want to stop teams," Howard said. "There are going to be times when you don't have any energy ... There's been times on the court for me I've had cramps. I never said

anything. But I had to do what I had to do to help my teammates win so it's very tough to play defense."

Orlando coach Stan Van Gundy, who has made repeated cases for Howard's MVP candidacy, said the defensive honor is a no-brainer.

"It's not what he does well, it's that he does everything well," Van Gundy said. "He really doesn't have a weakness on the defensive end of the floor at all. He can guard his guy in the post very well. He's an outstanding pick and roll defender.

Great on rotations and schemes. The one thing that's probably under appreciated about him is that he's the smartest big guy I've ever been around."

Teammate and best friend Jameer Nelson called Howard's knowledge of the game and preparation "excellent."

"People take it for granted," Nelson said. "You just don't block shots and do all the things he does defensively not knowing personnel and not preparing the way he does."

Though Orlando dropped the opening game of their first-round playoff series with Atlanta Saturday night, the Hawks had no answers for Howard; He finished with 46 points and 19 rebounds.

Hawks coach Larry Drew said Howard deserves a place among the NBA's greats for what he's been able to achieve.

"High. Very, very high," Drew said. "Anybody who can impact the game the way he does on the defensive end — he's an unbelievable defensive talent. When you have a guy who's your back line defense and can erase mistakes the way he can ... he'll definitely rank high among the tops." □

## Sykora shows improvement after taking first walk

SAO PAULO (AP) — U.S. Olympic volleyball player Stacy Sykora is eating without the aid of a feeding tube and has taken her first walk around the hospital since seriously injuring her head in a bus crash last week in Brazil. Sykora was able to get out of bed and walk briefly with the help of nurses on Monday but doctors said she will remain in an intensive care unit for a few more days.

Sykora's Volei Futuro team released a statement saying the libero's condition has "improved significantly," allowing doctors to remove the tube so she could start eating and drinking on her own.

Doctors had said on Sunday that they were optimistic about Sykora's recovery but that it was uncertain whether the 33-year-old player will be able to play professionally again. She was a member of the team that won the silver medal at the 2008 Beijing Games, her third Olympics.

Sykora, of Burlestone, Texas, hit her head when the bus carrying her team to a match crashed in the rain just outside Sao Paulo last Tuesday.

She passed out briefly but otherwise seemed fine after the crash, but exams eventually showed she sustained serious

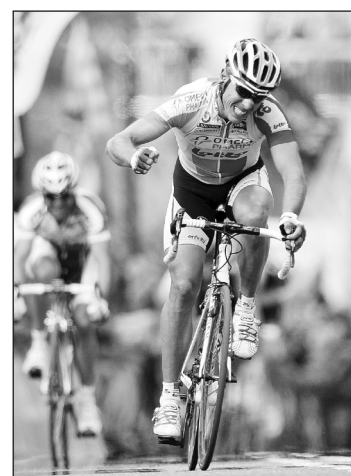


Stacy Sykora celebrating her team's win over Venezuela during their women's volleyball preliminary match at the Beijing 2008 Olympics in Beijing. Sykora was among those injured when a bus carrying a Brazilian women's volleyball team crashed just outside Sao Paulo  
Associated Press

injuries. She was in critical condition when she was transferred to the Sirio Libanes hospital in Sao Paulo, having difficulty breathing and with bleeding and swelling on the left side of her brain.

Several other players sustained cuts and bruises in the crash, but Sykora's injury was the most serious and she was the only person who had to stay in hospital. The Brazilian league's semifinal match which was to be played the day of the crash was rescheduled for Wednesday. □

## Gilbert wins Amstel Gold Race title again



Philippe Gilbert of Belgium crosses the finish line to win the 46th edition of the Amstel Gold cycling race, a 260.4 kilometer race with start in Maastricht and finish in Valkenburg, southern Netherlands  
Associated Press

VALKENBURG, Netherlands (AP) — Philippe Gilbert successfully defended his Amstel Gold Race title on Sunday, edging Joaquim Rodriguez and Simon Gerrans of Australia.

Gilbert, who last week claimed the Fleche-Brabant race, led a group of 15 riders that charged past Andy Schleck on the final climb before overtaking Rodriguez in blistering pace 500 meters (yards) to the finishing line.

The Belgian becomes only the second rider in the race's history to win two straight titles. Dutchman Jan Raas won four times between 1977 and 1980. □



# Dutch marathon faces cries of discrimination



**BRUSSELS (AP)** — The Utrecht Marathon has a new payment plan: A winning local Dutch runner can take home 100 times what a foreign winner pockets.

Organizers call it a smart incentive plan to develop Dutch running in a race that has been dominated by Kenyans, winners for the last four years. Critics see it as an ugly display of discrimination and racism. Some also view it as a metaphor for Dutch society, where rising nationalism and anti-immigrant sentiment have eroded the country's long-held image as a bastion of tolerance.

"The organizers thought up rules to discourage foreign runners," Tim Looten of the Art. 1 Dutch anti-discrimination organization said Monday. "That in fact is discrimination."

Utrecht Marathon organizer Louran van Keulen says he was just trying to encourage local marathoners to excel in his race next Monday.

"There is talk of discrimination, racism, oh, yes," Van Keulen said. "It is too bad about all the politics."

But, with objections coming from both the Utrecht city council to Nairobi half a world away, the criticism is likely to only get louder ahead of race day.

Van Keulen says he just wanted to boost local sports so Dutch runners can stand up to Africans in a decade or so. By eliminating his budget for international runners and investing it in 23 of the best local runners, he aims to improve the incentives and facilities. Now, if a Dutchman wins, he gets the €100 (\$142) that goes to the first runner across the

line but also a bonus of up to €10,000 (\$14,200) "or more" depending on the contract incentives the organizer has with the runner.

"The prize money has gone drastically down because we wanted to put it in the stimulus program" for the local racers, Van Keulen said. Female runners are not covered by the new plan.

Gert-Jan van Wijk, a Dutch businessman working in Nairobi, has already promised to restore Dutch honor in Kenya after days of intense criticism. He said he would make up the difference between whatever a local racer wins and what any foreigner would take as a winner — or about €9,900 (\$14,000).

Van Wijk decried "the tendency of Dutch society to look ever more inward."

"It is Dutch society at its smallest," said Van Wijk, owner of The World We Work In company.

"As a trading nation, the Dutch always looked at the world at large and were ready to compete. Now they just eliminate competition."

Marathon organizers often spend part of their budgets on travel costs, hotel accommodation and appearance fees to lure top Kenyan runners in the hope of setting a prestigious fast time. □

# Bucs set to play Bears in London in October

**LONDON (AP)** — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers will host the Chicago Bears at London's Wembley Stadium in October if the NFL season isn't altered by a labor dispute.

With the league and its locked-out players still mired in negotiations over a new labor agreement, the NFL on Monday announced its plans for what it hopes will be the fifth regular-season game played in the British capital. However, if the labor talks are not resolved by Aug. 1, the game will be played in Tampa instead, the league said.

The Bucs are set to return to London for the second time in three years, having lost to the New England Patriots at Wembley in 2009.

For the Bears, the game on Oct. 23 will mark the 25th anniversary of having played a preseason game against the Dallas Cowboys at the stadium in 1986.

"We are honored to be selected to participate in the NFL International Series for a second time," Buccaneers co-chairman Bryan Glazer said in a statement. "We are looking forward to promoting Tampa Bay's emerging young team on the world stage."

It is the fifth year in a row that the NFL stages a regular-season game in London as the league tries to win over new fans and increase its marketing appeal overseas.

"Our past four games in London have demonstrated the tremendous passion for NFL football that exists in the UK," NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said in the statement. "We hope by staging another extraordinary game at Wembley that we can continue to grow our existing fan base and attract even more new fans."

The NFL said it will release the full 2011 schedule on Tuesday. In last year's London game, the San Francisco 49ers beat the Denver Broncos 24-16. □

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## AIDS prevention pill study halted



HIV-positive Arun, 3, left, HIV positive-Gopika, 2, center, and reportedly HIV-positive Subiksha, 4-month-old, lie at the Community Health Education Society (CHES) orphanage in Chennai, India.

By **MARILYNN MAR-CHIONE**

**Associated Press**

Researchers are stopping a study that tests a daily pill to prevent infection with the AIDS virus in thousands of African women because partial results show no signs that the drug is doing any good. Women taking Truvada (true-

VAH'-duh), made by Gilead Sciences Inc., are just as likely to get HIV as other women who have been given dummy pills, an interim analysis of the study found. Even if the study were to continue, it would not be able to determine whether the pills help prevent infection, since the results are even this

far along, researchers said. The finding is disappointing because another study last fall concluded that Truvada did help prevent infections in gay and bisexual men when given with condoms, counseling and other prevention services. Many AIDS experts view that as a breakthrough that might help slow the epidemic. Family Health International, a nonprofit involved in AIDS research, announced the new results on Monday. The group launched the study two years ago and had enrolled about half of the 3,900 women intended in Kenya, Tanzania and South Africa. As of last week, 56 new HIV infections had occurred, half in each group. No safety problems were seen with Truvada. However, women taking it were more likely to become pregnant than those on dummy pills. □

## Parents want genetic testing for kids



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By **Maureen Salamon**  
**Associated Press**

Given the option, parents considering personal genetic testing to predict their own risks for common conditions are also likely to have their children tested, a new study suggests. "The more a parent believes they're going to get good news, the more likely they'll want their kids to be tested," said senior study author Colleen McBride, chief of the social and behavioral research branch of the National Human Genome Research Institute, in Washington, D.C. "But that can backfire. Most

of them are not going to get a clear, straight-A report card." In fact, because the tests measure incremental risks and the diseases screened are so common, a majority of parents would learn their children are at risk for developing potentially serious conditions, McBride said. Hoping to explore the controversial topic of direct-to-consumer genetic testing whose accuracy and benefits are still in question researchers evaluated responses from 219 parents enrolled in a large health plan. Participants were offered genetic tests to assess their susceptibility to eight adult-onset diseases, including colon, skin and lung cancer; heart disease; osteoporosis; high blood pressure; high cholesterol; and type 2 diabetes. □

## Vaccine in development could cure cat allergies

Sniffly-nosed kitten-lovers rejoice: A new vaccine could soon banish allergies to cats. The vaccine isn't ready for prime time yet, but a new study finds that the shots are safe, researchers reported March 31 in the *Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology*. They're also effective at reducing allergic reactions, the researchers reported. About 10 percent of people are allergic to cats. Currently, the only solutions are to stay far away from felines or to get multiple injections of kitty allergens to help the body build up a tolerance. But that process can take years, wrote McMaster University immunologist and study researcher Mark Larche. Larche and his colleagues de-



**Researcher Mark Larche**

veloped the vaccine by isolating the protein shed by cats that causes the most allergic reactions. They then used blood samples from people with cat allergies to determine which segment of the cat pro-

tein binds to and activates immune cells. (An allergic reaction occurs when the immune system interprets benign substances, such as cat dander, as invaders and launches an attack.) Next, the researchers made synthetic versions of these segments, called peptides. A mix of seven synthetic peptides makes up the vaccine. The idea, the researchers wrote, is that the immune system will encounter these peptide strands, which fit into the immune cells like a key to a lock, and recognize them as harmless. That action stops the sniffing, sneezing inflammatory response in its tracks, even when the peptides are attached to real cat proteins. □

## Hospitalization cause memory problems for seniors

**WASHINGTON** - Hospitalization of seniors may cause temporary memory loss and difficulty understanding discharge instructions, but many return to normal within a month, a new study says. The findings suggest that seniors may need extra support from health workers and family immediately after they're released from the hospital, said the researchers at Northwestern University in Chicago. "A helper on the day of discharge could make sure a senior understands discharge instructions and help her get home and follow instructions safely," lead author Dr. Lee Lindquist, an assistant professor of geriatrics at the Feinberg School of Medicine, said in a university news release. "If a patient is by herself the day of a hospital discharge, it's possible that she won't



**Feinberg School of Medicine**

comprehend complicated medical instructions, increasing medication errors and chances of re-hospitalization," she added. The study included more than 200 hospital patients, 70 and older, who lived on their own and had not been diagnosed with dementia or any other cognitive problems. Tests conducted when the patients were discharged from the hospital showed that nearly one-third had reduced levels of cognition. □





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## Japan taps US robots for reactor cleanup help

By JACOB ADELMAN

Associated Press

**TOKYO** — In this country of break-dancing androids and artificially intelligent pets, nuclear cleanup crews on the tsunami-ravaged northern coast are depending on U.S.-made robots to enter damaged reactor units where it is still too dangerous for humans to tread.

Utility workers seeking to regain control of the troubled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant are deploying robots from Bedford, Mass.-based iRobot Corp. to measure radiation levels, temperatures and other conditions inside the reactors. With its tractor-like base and wiry frame topped by cameras and sensors, the so-called PackBot robot vaguely resembles the metallic protagonist of the 1986 film "Short Circuit" minus the wisecracks. An earlier version of the PackBot was used a decade ago in the aftermath of the 9-11 terrorist attacks.

Takeshi Makigami, an official with Tokyo Electric Power Co., which is the operator of

the crippled nuclear plant, said humans must still do the sophisticated engineering needed to stem the radiation, but robots can go in first to monitor when it will be safe for people to enter. "We have to check where to go and what to do," he said.

TEPCO spokesman Shogo Fukuda said the company has only now begun using the robots because it took several weeks for crews to learn how to operate the complex devices.

Although Japan has a sophisticated robotics capability, most of its development is in household applications rather than disaster recovery. So far, just one of the two provided PackBots has been used, said Minoru Ogoda, an official with Japan's Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency, which is monitoring TEPCO's remediation efforts. The robot's foray this week into several damaged reactor units was the deepest entry yet by man or machine since the first of several explosions rocked the plant the day after the March 11 earthquake and tsunami. □



In this image released by Tokyo Electric Power Co., a radio-controlled PakBot robot opens a door inside the reactor building of Unit 2 as it is monitored.

## EU opens radio frequencies for 4G mobile devices



Neelie Kroes, Commissioner for the EU's Digital Agenda.

By Christopher Le Coq

Associated Press

**BRUSSELS** — The European Commission has ruled that member states open two radio frequencies to the newest generation of mobile devices to enable faster Internet use on the move.

EU member states must implement the new rule to allow 4th generation mobile devices access to 900 and 1,800 MHz radio frequencies by the end of the year.

Mobile wireless capability

is central to the EU's Digital Agenda and it believes that an increase in Internet uptake will boost competitiveness of the EU's common market.

Neelie Kroes, Commissioner for the EU's Digital Agenda, said in a statement that the "the decision opens the way for the latest 4G mobile devices to gain access to the radio spectrum they need to operate."

The new rules will "stimulate high-speed broadband services and foster more competi-

tion," she said.

4G is the next generation of mobile phone wireless standards, which includes Long Term Evolution (LTE) and Worldwide Interoperability for Microwave Access (WiMAX) and is more advanced as well as faster than 3G and 2G standards.

The 4G standard will share both radio frequencies with 3G and 2G standards, without interfering in the performance of either.

The decision is part of the Commission's broader policy objective of bringing the Internet to all citizens within the EU, as currently only half of the EU's citizens use the Internet on a daily basis.

According to the European Commission, the EU's regulatory body, the ICT sector, of which mobile telephony and the Internet are critical components, represents 5 percent of the bloc's GDP, with a market value of 660 billion euros (\$946 billion) annually. □

## HP might beat Google, Apple to cloud music service

By Phil Hornshaw

Associated Press

HP, webOS, TouchPad, Tablets, Apple, Google, iPad.

Every tech company in the business is working on a tablet, but the devices generally circle around those offered by other companies like Apple (AAPL) and function using Google's (GOOG) Android operating system. So, in a word, they're all kind of similar. Android tablets compete with each other but not so much in the realm of software because they're all running Android, leaving the competition to be between iPads and their iOS system and Google's operating system, with variations of tablets available on the Google side. That's not the case with HP's (HPQ) TouchPad, a tab the company is working on that sports a new kind of operating system. It's called webOS, and it's proprietary to HP. Like Amazon (AMZN), which aims to make itself a major mobile player within the framework of Android, HP's webOS could make the mobile OS fight a three-way competition. According to some tech blogs, some customers signing-up for notifications about the TouchPad recently received a Power Point presentation about the device, which included a couple of interesting slides with information about the HP Music Store and the HP Movie Store. Those are previously unreleased subsections of whatever media- and app-buying framework HP intends to roll out with the TouchPad, and it looks a lot like what Apple has in iTunes and Google is planning. The one big thing to note about the HP Music Store in particular, though, is that the slide suggests HP will be providing users with a cloud-based digital locker for music. That's basically some storage space on the Internet to which users can upload their music files, and it allows them to stream back those files from anywhere they have an Internet connection. □





People walk by Citi's new flagship branch at Union Square in New York.

## Citi profit falls as revenue shrinks, expenses surge

By Maria Aspan  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK** – Citigroup Inc's first-quarter profit fell 32 percent as shrinking loans and poor trading results pressured revenue while expenses surged. The results highlighted how the third-largest U.S. bank, which teetered on the brink of collapse in the financial crisis, has stabilized but is still struggling to generate real growth. The results were better than expected, which supported Citigroup's stock on a day when the U.S. equity market was falling. But like other big banks, the company's profit came mainly from dipping into money previously set aside to cover bad loans. "We're not seeing a lot of revenues being thrown off by main businesses ... They haven't been able to turn recovery into growth," said Len Blum, a managing partner of investment firm Westwood Capital, who personally owns bank stocks. All three of the biggest U.S. banks Bank of America, JPMorgan Chase and Citigroup have posted shrinking loan books for the first quarter, raising questions about the strength of U.S. economic growth. The biggest boon for banks right now is that credit losses are dropping. Citigroup's credit losses fell 25 percent in the quarter and steadily declined all last year, allowing it to dip into reserves previously set aside to cover losses. Citigroup is among the most international of the major U.S. banks, and that helped some businesses in its Citicorp unit, where the bank houses the operations it plans to continue operating over the long term. Citicorp's Latin American consumer banking, investment banking and transaction-processing services all posted higher income from continuing operations, for example, even as North American investment banking and transaction-processing operations posted profit declines. Overall, Citigroup earned \$3.0 billion, or 10 cents per share, in the first quarter, beating analysts' average forecast of 9 cents a share, according to Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S. A year earlier it earned \$4.4 billion, or 15 cents per share. Revenue dropped 22 percent to \$19.73 billion. In its securities and banking business, fixed income trading revenue fell 29 percent to \$3.8 billion. Operating expenses rose 7 percent to \$12.33 billion. Citigroup said this was in part due to higher legal expenses, but on a conference call with reporters, Chief Financial Officer John Gerspach declined to say why those costs had risen. Gerspach said the bank will incur \$25 million to \$30 million in annual costs, as well as one-time charges of \$45 million to \$50 million over the "next few quarters," related to a foreclosure-related settlement with bank regulators. □



## Euro zone crisis escalates on Greek debt fears

By Matthias Sobolewski  
Associated Press

**BERLIN/ATHENS** – Rising expectations that Greece will have to restructure its mountain of debt, possibly as early as this summer, sent the euro and the bonds of weak euro zone members tumbling on Monday in a dramatic escalation of the bloc's debt crisis. German government sources told Reuters in Berlin that they did not believe Greece, which sealed a 110 billion euro bailout from the EU and IMF a year ago, would make it through the summer without a restructuring. That development, combined with a new threat to Portugal's pending bailout from the rise of an anti-euro party in Finnish elections, hit market confidence in the bloc's ability to avert a new wave of contagion

to bigger countries like Spain. After a brief lull in the crisis at the start of 2011, it has blown up again with full force and some analysts are now openly speculating that Greece and possibly other countries could eventually be forced to exit the bloc. "You may see some countries deciding to leave the euro because they can't deal with the fiscal straitjacket that it imposes on them," Andrew Lynch, a fund manager at Schroders, told Reuters Insider. A restructuring of Greek debt would be the first by a west European nation in over half a century and represents a challenge of epic proportions for EU policymakers struggling to reconcile the interests of their citizens with the costly steps needed to preserve the integrity of the 17-nation cur-

rency area. Greece, saddled with a debt burden that is expected to swell to 160 percent of gross domestic product by 2013, has denied repeatedly that it plans to restructure. Bank of Greece Governor George Provopoulos warned on Monday it would have "catastrophic consequences. But German newspaper Die Welt quoted an unnamed Greek minister as saying it was only a matter of time before the government took such a step. And government sources in Berlin told Reuters that some form of debt restructuring now looked unavoidable and suggested Greece move fast, rather than wait until its funding situation gets critical next year. "Decisive voices within the



Chairman Timo Soini of the True Finns celebrates with supporters after hearing the results of first preliminary votes of Finnish parliamentary elections at the party's reception in Helsinki. Finns went to the polls in parliamentary elections.

federal government expect that Greece will not make it through the summer without a restructuring," a high-ranking German coalition source said. European shares sank to their low-

est close in three weeks after Standard & Poor's cut its credit outlook for the United States to negative in a reminder that the euro zone is not alone in suffering from high debt and deficits. □



CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank in Atlanta Dennis Lockhart listens during a presentation at the American Economic Association Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

By Matthew Bigg  
Associated Press

**ATLANTA** – Higher gas prices weakened U.S. economic growth early this year in the eyes of one Federal Reserve official, while other policymakers worried about the potential inflationary impact of energy price rises in remarks on Monday. The public debate among Fed

officials about the path of the recovery signals that there is unlikely to be any change at the U.S. central bank's policy meeting next week in its plan to buy \$600 billion of longer-term Treasuries through the end of June. However, the differences point to a lively debate at that meeting about how and when to pull back some of the unprec-

## Portuguese bailout talks start

*under finnish shadow*

By Thomas Cabral  
Associated Press

**LISBON** – European and IMF officials began tough talks with Portugal Monday on the terms and conditions of a bailout as a Finnish anti-EU party's election success cast doubt on its viability. Negotiations on a deal expected to be worth up to 80 billion Euros follow a technical mission last week to Lisbon by the European Commission, the European Central Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

A spokesman for the EU representative in Lisbon said the officials were in Lisbon to get "the opinions and arguments of all the parties" as they went into talks with Finance Minister Fernando Teixeira dos Santos and other leaders. The main centre right opposition party led by Pedro Passos Coelho, tipped to win June 5 elections, said it would meet the officials but parties on the far Left, including the Communists and Greens, said they would not. The government of Prime Minister Jose Socrates fell last month when parliament rejected his latest austerity plan, forcing Lisbon to bow to market pressure and seek an EU-IMF bailout. The talks were always going to be difficult,



European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso. European and IMF officials went into tough talks with Portugal Monday on the terms and conditions of a bailout as a Finnish anti-EU party's election success cast doubt on its viability.

with the bailout seen as a national humiliation in Portugal, but an election breakthrough by Finland's nationalist True Finns has cast another shadow. The deeply eurosceptic True Finns became the third biggest party in the elections Sunday, likely forcing parliament to the right and threatening to hold up or even scuttle Finland's participation in the eurozone's third bailout. Brussels has to wait and see whether Finland will back or veto EU bailouts to debt-ridden EU states a concept the True Finns flatly reject but insisted Monday it was "fully confident" Helsinki will deliver. □

## Fed official sees softer first quarter

edented stimulus monetary policymakers have provided the world's largest economy. Economic growth may have been slower than expected in the first three months of the year, Atlanta Fed President Dennis Lockhart said, an indication that the central bank is not likely to rush to scale back its vast support for the economy. "It appears that the first quarter will come in soft relative to what we expected what many people expected at the beginning of the year," Lockhart said at a business event. Lockhart is viewed as a centrist among Fed policy makers. Fed leadership has given no sign it is ready to cut short its policy easing or move to the exits any time soon. The Fed slashed short-term interest rates to near zero in December 2008 and then bought \$1.4 trillion in lon-

ger-term securities to pull the economy out of recession. It re-launched asset purchases last November as the recovery flagged. Rising gas prices have weighed on consumers and businesses, Lockhart said. Because turmoil in the Middle East is likely to persist for a while, oil prices will probably remain elevated for some time, he added. While the economy appears to be absorbing higher oil prices without severe negative effects, oil at \$150 a barrel could plunge the economy into recession, Lockhart said. The Fed's accommodative policy stance contrasts with other central banks around the world that have raised or are poised to raise benchmark rates in response to rising inflation. However, some at the Fed believe the recovery is gaining speed and that inflation is or

could soon become a risk. Some of those views were on display on Monday. The Fed should not exclude food and energy from the inflation numbers it targets, and those figures have been rising recently, St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank President James Bullard said in Louisville, Kentucky. Bullard has taken a hawkish tone recently, and has urged the Fed to cut short its bond buying by \$100 billion, although he did not repeat that call on Monday. He did say he is beginning to worry about recent inflation readings, bolstered by rising energy costs. U.S. consumer prices rose 2.7 percent in the year to March, but the core measures, which exclude food and energy prices, climbed just 1.2 percent. Bullard argued the underlying fundamentals for U.S. □



*In North Korea*

# Biggest slap-stick show ever launched



North Korean magician Ri Thai Gum, center, accepts applause from the audience at the end of his performance at the Pyongyang, North Korea.



Robert Pattinson and Reese Witherspoon attend the premiere of "Water for Elephants" in New York.

## A Family Affair at the "Water for Elephants" Premiere

**Jenny Peters**  
**Associated Press**

**New York** — You'd think that everyone who attended the "Water for Elephants" premiere in New York on Sunday, April 17, would have been all excited over seeing star Robert Pattinson's arrival, but all eyes were actually on the two beautiful blonde women that flanked him as he hit the red carpet. Who were they? Certainly neither was Kristen Stewart, his "Twilight" saga costar, who's been constantly linked romantically to the darkly handsome British star since the first of those flicks hit the silver screen. □

**By JEAN H. LEE**  
**Associated Press**

**PYONGYANG, North Korea** — Amid a burst of fireworks and a haze of smoke, a burly showman in a white sequined suit and gold lame cape appears with a flourish. Over the next 45 minutes, he appears to make a Pyongyang bus levitate and wriggles free from a box sent

crashing to the stage through a ring of fire.

This is magic North Korean-style performed in a show touted as the country's biggest ever and mounted in a city where good, old-fashioned illusion, a dancing bear and a dose of slapstick comedy can still command the biggest crowds of the year.

The country's love for magic is a legacy of the circus traditions they inherited decades ago, during an era of Soviet influence.

North Korean founder Kim Il Sung ordered the creation of the Pyongyang Circus in 1952 in the middle of the Korean War. The tradition of highly technical stagecraft including the Arirang mass games, where 100,000 performers move in sync in a feat that has come to embody North Korean discipline and regimentation still dazzles in a country where high-tech entertainment is scarce.

"They love magic shows, together with the circus," said Tony Namkung, a scholar who often serves as a liaison between North Korea and the U.S. and other governments. "Like so many other things, it harkens back to a pre-electronic past when things were much simpler."

In fact, North Koreans so love magic that two diplomats dispatched to the United Nations had a special request in 1995 of their American hosts: They wanted to go to Las Vegas to see David Copperfield.

Wowed by the world-famous illusionist, the diplomats were determined to bring Copperfield to Pyongyang. But politics and finances trumped entertainment, and plans to bring the American magician to a nation still technically at war with the United States vanished in the haze of diplomatic tensions.

Undeterred, North Korea has

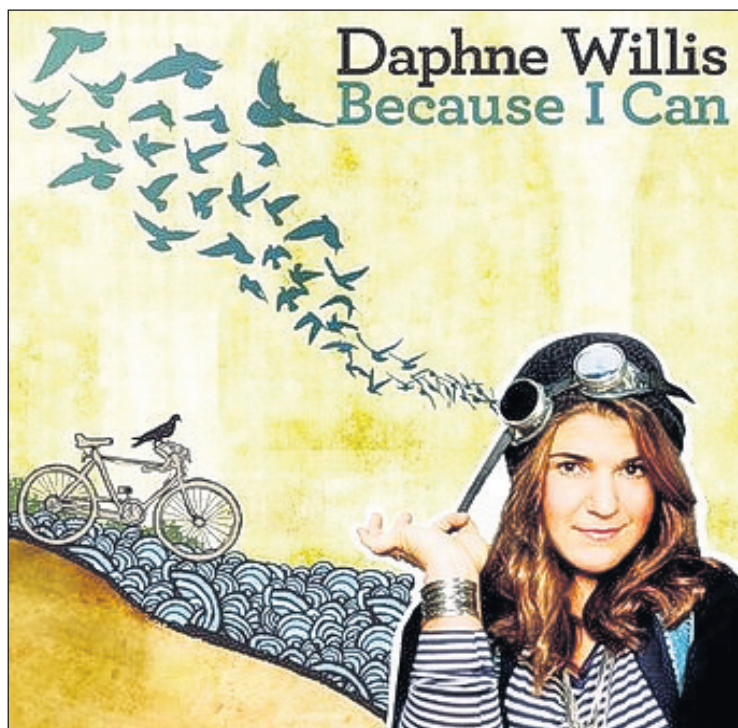
# Summery pop from Daphne Willis

**By STEVEN WINE**  
**Associated Press**

Daphne Willis, "Because I Can" Vanguard Before beginning work on "Because I Can," prolific pop composer Daphne Willis says she wrote 50 to 60 songs, then picked 12 to record.

Keep 'em coming, Daphne. There's not a dud among these dozen summery tunes. It helps that the 23-year-old Willis possesses a commanding, versatile alto that makes everything swing. She slides gracefully in and out of an appealing falsetto and manages R&B-style vocal leaps of nearly an octave without coming off like some over singing "American Idol" wannabe.

Willis has clearly studied pop's past, and the material hints at disparate influences, ranging from Burt Bacharach to Chicago to Norah Jones to Alicia Keys. Willis' sound is entirely her own, though cheery melodies, bouncy beats and clever arrangements



In this CD cover image released by Vanguard Records, the latest release by Daphne Willis, "Because I Can," is shown.

flavored with Saturday-in-the-park brass. The music remains sunny throughout, even when Willis sings about rain.

This is an assertive young artist, as suggested by such song titles as "Shake It Off," "Spit It Out" and "Slow Down." With a record this good, she

has reason to be confident. "The Song Song" starts with a piano figure worthy of "Teaching Little Fingers to Play," then blossoms into a hook-filled ode to composing. The lyrics lay out Willis' strategy: Keep things short and simple. She makes it sound easy. □



Lance Corporal of Horse Andy Radford of the Household Cavalry sits on his horse during a media event at the Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment's Hyde Park.

## Hats off! Britain's royal wedding stirs hat fever

**By PAISLEY DODDS**  
**Associated Press**

**LONDON** — France has the beret, America the humble baseball cap, yet Britain's love of hats has always been in a different league.

Bowlers, baker boys, top hats, boaters, deerstalkers and countless ladies creations have been worn by royals and commoners alike through the centuries a beloved tradition that will be in full force at Prince William and Kate Middleton's April 29 wedding.

Bookmakers are betting on the color of Queen Elizabeth II's hat odds are on yellow and the designer making the princess-to-be's honeymoon headpiece. The salmon-colored tricorn hat that Princess Diana wore as she left for her honeymoon in 1981 spawned hundreds of copies.

"We're British hats are just what we do," Shirley Hex, a milliner who made hats for the queen, the queen's mother and Diana, told The Associated Press. "Choosing the right hat is important for the person wearing it, but it's also important for a designer. The right hat can make a career."

Theories abound on why Britain, compared to other European nations, became a country of mad hatters an expression referring to the Alice in Wonderland □



# NY opera awards show features Broadway stars



The Metropolitan Opera Guild Michael Douglas, left, poses with Metropolitan Opera Guild President Richard J. Miller at the Opera News Awards Gala in New York.

**NEW YORK** — Broadway stars Patti LuPone and Barbara Cook joined director Francis Ford Coppola and playwright John Guare on Sunday to present this year's Opera News Awards. Five artists were recognized for their international musical achievements: German tenor Jonas Kaufmann, American soprano Patricia Racette, New Zealand soprano Kiri Te Kanawa, Welsh bass-baritone Bryn

Terfel and Italian conductor Riccardo Muti. Coppola who directed the film "The Godfather" and its sequels presented the award to Muti, a native of Naples, Italy, who joked, "I look like a relative of The Godfather." Muti missed leading part of this winter's Chicago Symphony Orchestra concert series because of a fractured jaw and other injuries he suffered when he fainted and fell from the podium

during a Feb. 3 rehearsal. He appeared healthy on Sunday. Coppola followed LuPone, who noted that the Hollywood director fit well into Sunday's lineup because "his 'Apocalypse Now' is truly operatic." Also attending the awards ceremony at the Plaza Hotel was a robust-looking Michael Douglas, who fought throat cancer last year and declared in January that he is cancer-free after undergoing chemotherapy and radiation. Asked what he would say to people who claim to hate opera, the actor and opera fan said, "They never went!" He said he goes regularly because the staged performances "are so broad and big this kind of dramatic art doesn't exist anymore." The awards were created in 2005 by Opera News, whose circulation of more than 100,000 makes it the world's most popular magazine in the field. □

## Kate's wedding dress designer named - again



Kate Middleton, fiancée of Britain's Prince William, reacts to the crowd during a visit Witton Country Park in Darwen, northern England.

By Jodie Ginsberg  
Associated Press

**LONDON** — Not since Janet Jackson's "wardrobe malfunction" has an outfit sparked so much debate.

The design and designer of Kate Middleton's wedding dress has been the subject of endless speculation since Prince William, second in line to the British throne, and his bride-to-be announced their engagement last year.

Veteran designer Bruce Oldfield, Alexander McQueen creative director Sarah Burton, Alice Temperley and even Jasper Conran have all been named as possible designers of the gown. And now a relatively unknown designer, Sophie Cranston, is in the frame. Huffington Post royal correspondent Yvonne York reported that Sophie Cranston of label Libelula has been chosen to design what is already

one of the most-talked about dresses of the decade. Middleton wore a Libelula coat to a friend's wedding earlier this year. A spokeswoman for the label said it had no comment. The label's web site had gone down by midday on Monday. If she goes with Cranston, Middleton would be following in the steps of her fiancé's late mother, Princess Diana, who chose relatively unknown designer Elizabeth Emanuel to design her dress for her marriage to Prince Charles in 1981. Emanuel recalled this year that the intense media interest in the dress required strict security measures. She said she had to bring in security guards and put Diana's dress in a safe every night to fend off reporters who camped out on the doorstep, gawped through the windows and rummaged through the rubbish bins looking for clues. □

## "Treme" remains riveting in second season



Creator and executive producer David Simon (L), cast member Wendell Pierce (C) and creator and executive producer Eric Overmyer (R) participate in a panel for HBO's series "Treme" during the HBO sessions of the Television Critics Association winter press tour in Pasadena, California.

By Tim Goodman  
Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES** — While it took a couple of seasons for the general public to figure out that David Simon's "The Wire" was more than just an urban crime drama, there was no such lag in appreciation last year for his HBO follow-up "Treme," a tasty visual gumbo of sociology, politics, music, race and anthropology. How could Simon not out-deliver? "Treme" was about New Orleans post-Katrina a story begging for someone of his journalistic stature to

tell its story, much like he did with Baltimore in "The Wire." Season 1 of "Treme," set three months after Katrina, was about what it takes to care enough to rebuild one of the country's great cities and then to do it. That Simon and fellow producer and New Orleans vet Eric Overmyer pulled it off by letting locals help create the ambience needed (musicians, actors, foodies, local institutions, etc.) added the authenticity that allowed New Orleans' natives to hand down their seal of approval. □

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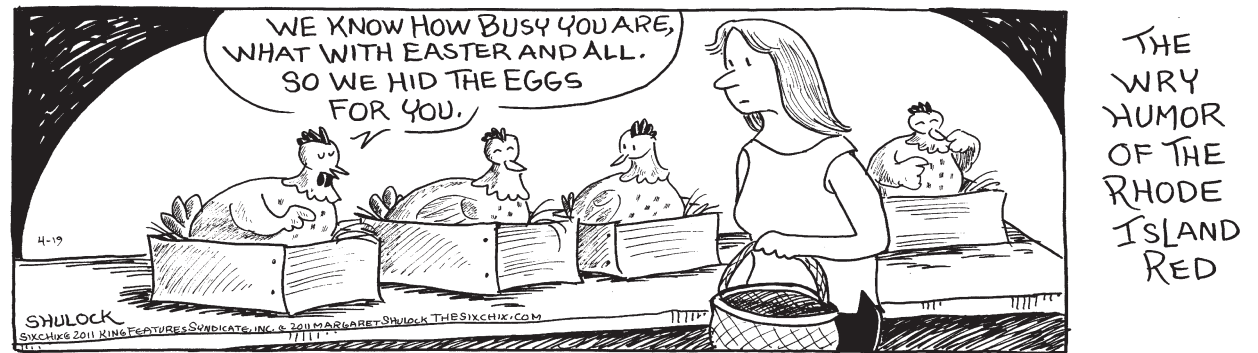
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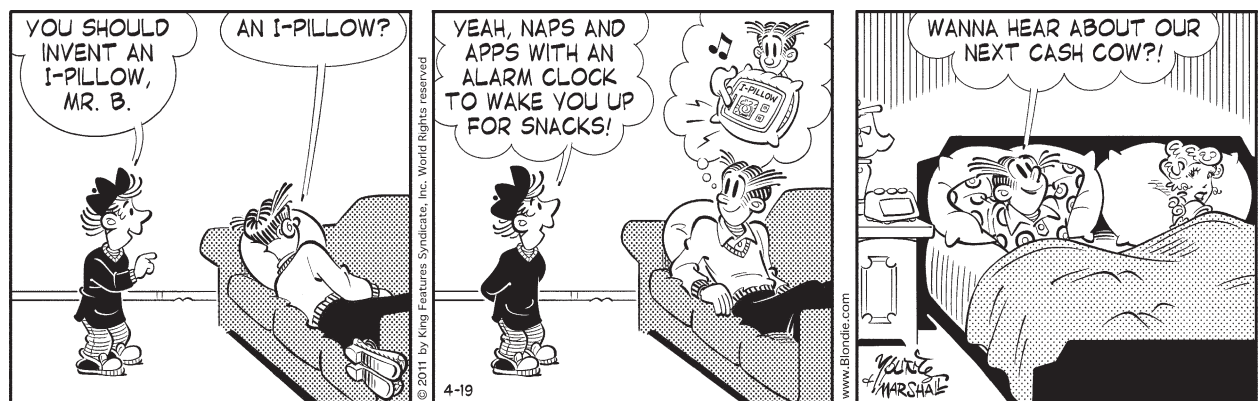
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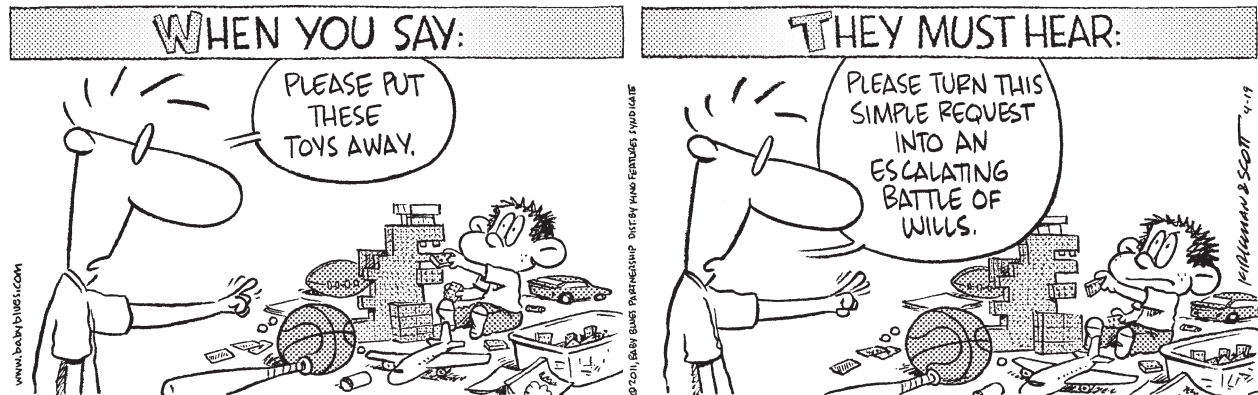
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

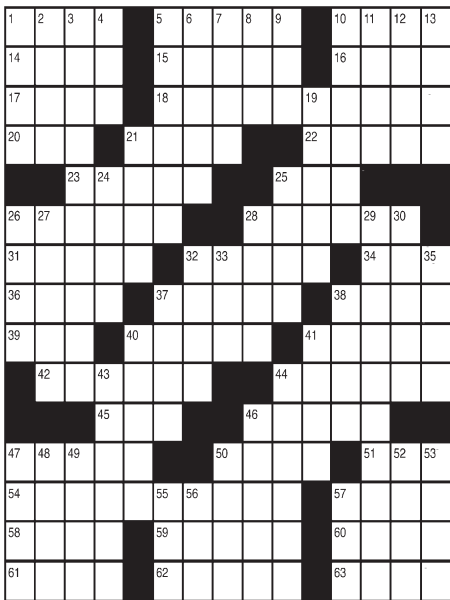
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20 Finish  
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23 Wading bird  
25 \_\_\_ person; apiece  
26 Playful leaps  
28 Examine so as to delete objectionable material  
31 Book of maps  
32 Festive events  
34 Cistern; tub  
36 \_\_\_-leaf clover  
37 Back tooth  
38 Waterway dam  
39 Shade tree  
40 Kingdom  
41 Human trunk  
42 Traditional tale  
44 Doused  
45 \_\_\_ a ball; enjoyed oneself  
46 Glee  
47 Work hard  
50 Ferris wheel or merry-go-round  
51 Hairy beast  
54 Modest  
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## Mutai runs fastest marathon ever at Boston

By Scott Malone  
Associated Press

**BOSTON** — Kenya's Geofrey Mutai won the Boston Marathon Monday in two hours three minutes and two seconds, the fastest time ever recorded over the grueling distance.

Mutai slashed almost a minute off the official world record of 2:03.59, set by Ethiopia's Haile Gebrselassie at Berlin in 2008, but his time was not ratified as a new record because he was aided by a tailwind on a hilly course with too much downhill from start to finish.

"Boston marathon performances cannot be ratified as world records as the course does not satisfy two of the criteria for world records," USA

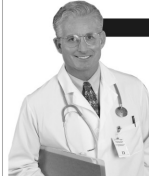


Runners participate in the 115th running of the Boston Marathon in Hopkinton, Massachusetts.

Track and Field told AP. Mutai's countryman Moses Mosop, competing in his first marathon, also smashed Gebrselassie's mark to finish second in 2:03.06 after the two Kenyans ran stride for stride

through the capital of Massachusetts before unleashing a final sprint to the finish line in Boylston Street. "I was not coming to break the world record," Mutai told reporters. □

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Scientists say

## Gulf health nearly at pre-spill level



Tulane University population ecologist Jessica Henkel sets up a net to catch migrating birds for blood, fecal and feather samples on Fourchon Beach in Port Fourchon, La., as part of a research project that is looking for long-term, not immediately lethal effects from the BP PLC oil spill on birds that stop along the Gulf Coast during their migration.

By CAIN BURDEAU  
Associated Press

**BAY JIMMY, La.** — Scientists judge the overall health of the Gulf of Mexico as nearly back to normal one year after the BP oil spill, but with glaring blemishes that restrain their optimism about nature's re-

siliency, an Associated Press survey of researchers shows. More than three dozen scientists grade the Gulf's big picture health a 68 on average, using a 1-to-100 scale. What's remarkable is that that's just a few points below the 71 the same researchers

gave last summer when asked what grade they would give the ecosystem before the spill. And it's an improvement from the 65 given back in October. At the same time, scientists are worried.

They cite significant declines in key health indicators such as the sea floor, dolphins and oysters. In interviews, dozens of Gulf experts emphasized their concerns, pointing to the mysterious deaths of hundreds of young dolphins and turtles, strangely stained crabs and dead patches on the sea floor.

It will take time to see the full effects of the oil spill on the Gulf of Mexico. Now, scientists grade the ecological health of the Gulf in an Associated Press survey one year after the April 20, 2010, BP oil spill. Third in an occasional series.

The survey results mirror impressions Jane Lubchenco, the head of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, gave on the health of the Gulf in an interview with the AP Thursday.

The Gulf is "much better than people feared, but the jury is out about what the end result will be," she said. "It's premature to conclude that things are good. There are surprises coming up we're finding dead baby dolphins." □

## Nature reserve set aside for rare Asian 'unicorn'



A saola pauses in the jungle of Vietnam. A new nature reserve in Quang Nam, central Vietnam, raises hope for the survival of the recently discovered and critically endangered antelope-like species called the saola, an official said.

**HANOI, Vietnam** — A nature reserve has been set aside in central Vietnam for the critically endangered saola, raising hope for the antelope-like species' survival, a wildlife official said Monday. The saola looks like a small deer or antelope with two horns, but is locally known as an Asian "unicorn." They are thought to number from a few dozen to a few hundred, and are threatened by poachers wanting its horns. The conservation group WWF says none has survived in captivity. The land set aside last week in the central province of Quang Nam is rich in bio-diversity and home to an estimated 50 to 60 saolas, said Pham Thanh Lam, director of the

Forest Bureau in the province. "For ethnic minority people, hunting is a way of earning their living," Lam said. "They would not spare the saola, so it's necessary to create conditions for them to earn their living to minimize hunting for wild animals including saola." Saola, described as a primitive member of the bovine family which includes cattle, sheep and antelopes, was discovered in the forests in central Vietnam in 1992. "If no reserve activities are launched now, the danger of the saolas' extinction is clear," he said. The efforts to protect the species will include education campaigns and jobs, including patrolling the nature reserve, that provide stable income, Lam said. The reserve of 15,800 hectares is in the Annamite mountains along the Laos border. Another reserve is in neighboring Thua Thien Hue province. The Quang Nam reserve will abut Xe Sap National Park in western Laos, said Tran Minh Hien, country director of WWF Vietnam, in a statement. □

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# Perú comienza preparativos para segunda vuelta electoral

**PERÚ (AP)** - Perú comenzó el domingo los preparativos para la segunda vuelta de los comicios presidenciales entre Ollanta Humala y Keiko Fujimori tras procesar la totalidad de las actas de la primera ronda, informó el organismo electoral.

Con el 100% de las actas de la primera vuelta ya computadas, el izquierdista Humala del movimiento Gana Perú alcanzó el primer lugar con 31,7%, mientras que la derechista Fujimori de Fuerza 2011 se ubicó en segundo sitio con 23,5%. Magdalena Chú, directora de la entidad electoral, anunció en la televisión estatal que tras obtener los resultados se inició de inmediato la impresión de 22 millones de boletas de votación con los rostros y símbolos de Humala y Fujimori para la segunda vuelta el 5 de junio. En la primera vuelta el 10 de abril, Humala fue el vencedor en 16 regiones del centro y sur, mientras que Keiko se alzó con el triunfo en las seis regiones del norte.

En esa ronda electoral también fueron elegidos 130 parlamentarios, pero ningún movimiento político obtuvo mayoría, por lo que es casi seguro que los partidos tendrán que negociar para lograr consensos los próximos cinco años.

El partido oficialista APRA recibió una paliza y sólo alcanzó cuatro sillas, pese a que hace cinco años logró 36 representantes. Gana Perú de Humala obtuvo 44 bancos, y Fuerza 2011 de Fujimori logró 36 escaños.

Pese a que el presidente Alan García dijo no tener preferencias electorales, sus críticas hacia quien busque cambiar el actual modelo económico fueron entendidas como cuestion-

amientos a Humala, quien busca una economía con mayor presencia del Estado.

El ministro de Economía, Ismael Benavides, fue más explícito en su oposición a Humala, y consideró “infinanciable” una de las principales propuestas del ex militar que busca otorgar una pensión de 89 dólares a los peruanos mayores de 65 años.

Los analistas consideran que tanto Humala como Fujimori deben convencer a quienes no votaron por ellos de que no constituyen una amenaza. Sugieren que el izquierdista y la derechista deben inclinarse hacia el centro con propuestas más moderadas.

El ex militar Humala ha sido criticado por sus promesas de un Estado más fuerte y supuesta intervención a la libertad de prensa. Algunos medios locales, ampliamente divididos en su opinión, lo relacionan con las políticas aplicadas por el presidente venezolano Hugo Chávez y su par de Bolivia, Evo Morales.

Keiko, quien dice continuará con el modelo de libre mercado, es vinculada con el gobierno de su encarcelado padre Alberto Fujimori, recordado por la extrema corrupción, violaciones a los derechos humanos y coacción de la prensa durante su gobierno de 1990 al 2000. Fujimori cumple una condena de 25 años de cárcel por delitos de corrupción y lesa humanidad.

Los expertos consideran que Lima será el centro de la batalla electoral de Humala y Keiko, pues es la ciudad con mayor número de habitantes —una tercera parte de la población del país— y donde ninguno de los dos finalistas logró triunfar en la primera vuelta. □



La candidata presidencial, Keiko Fujimori, hija del ex presidente peruano Alberto Fujimori, sonríe durante una actividad política en Canete, Perú, el 6 de abril, 2011. (AP Photo/Karel Navarro)

## Chile: buscan a expertos para autopsia de Allende

**CHILE (AP)** - La abogada de la familia del ex mandatario chileno Salvador Allende dijo el lunes que se busca al mejor equipo de expertos mundial para que realice la autopsia a los restos del ex presidente, que serán exhumados la segunda quincena de mayo.

La autopsia busca determinar las causas exactas de la muerte de Allende, aunque la familia estima que se suicidó el 11 de septiembre de 1973 para impedir caer en las manos de los militares golpistas liderados por el general Augusto Pinochet.

La abogada Pamela Pereira dijo al vespertino La Segunda que se formará un equipo multidisciplinario, “pero la dimensión que tiene esto obliga a buscar lo mejor que hay en el mundo”.

La orden para exhumar los restos fue dada el viernes por el juez Mario Carrozas, quien investiga 726 denuncias de muertes bajo la dictadura que no habían sido indagadas judicialmente y que figuran como víctimas de violaciones a los derechos humanos durante el régimen de Pinochet (1973-1990).

La solicitud para la exhumación y la nueva autopsia de los restos del ex mandatario fue

formulada la semana última por las dos hijas de Allende, Isabel y Carmen Paz.

Tras su muerte en el palacio de gobierno de La Moneda, los restos de Allende fueron sometidos a una primera autopsia, luego de lo cual fueron entregados a su familia en una urna sellada.

En 1990, con el regreso de la democracia, su cuerpo fue exhumado del cementerio del vecino balneario de Viña del Mar, donde fue enterrado en una tumba anónima por orden de los militares. Allende fue entonces trasladado a un mausoleo familiar en el Cementerio General de Santiago, donde estará hasta mayo, cuando sea nuevamente exhumado.

Varios de los camaradas y guardias que acompañaron a Allende durante la sublevación militar de 1973 hasta después de que la fuerza aérea bombardeara La Moneda, comparten la idea de que el gobernante se suicidó disparándose un tiro en el mentón.

El doctor Patricio Guijón, que estaba con Allende, afirma que antes de abandonar el palacio, regresó por una máscara antigás y que al entrar al salón donde estuvieron por la mañana vio al mandatario recién muerto. □

## Prisión preventiva a 16 policías ligados a matanza en México

**MEXICO (AP)** - Un juez autorizó encarcelar a 16 policías municipales involucrados en la matanza de al menos 145 personas en el estado nortero de Tamaulipas y que ha sido atribuida al cartel de las drogas de Los Zetas.

La Procuraduría General de la República (PGR) informó en un comunicado que los agentes municipales estarán al menos 40 días en prisión preventiva mientras se profundizan las investigaciones en su contra por delincuencia organizada, secuestro y homicidio.

Los policías de San Fernando, la municipalidad donde se encontraron los cadáveres, “presuntamente colaboraban proporcionando protección al grupo delictivo denominado Los Zetas, además de que podrían haber incurrido en prácticas de encubrimiento de los responsables”, refirió la PGR.

Además de los policías, en los últimos días han sido detenidos 28 presuntos miembros de Los Zetas, entre ellos Martín Omar Estrada Luna, alias “El Kilo”, considerado el líder del cartel en San Fernando y autor intelectual de la masacre.

Las autoridades creen que varias de las víctimas eran migrantes que fueron secuestrados cuando viajaban en autobuses de pasajeros hacia Estados Unidos.

“El Kilo” también es considerado el responsable de otra masacre de 72 migrantes en agosto de 2010 en San Fernando, Tamaulipas. □



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